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Woman is dragged from bed by raiders

ROBBERS dragged a woman out of her bed and snatched a gold chain from her neck before stealing £15,000 of jewellery during a terrifying early hours attack.

The three men broke into the house in Dudley and woke the 19-year-old victim and her 18-year-old brother.

The men pulled the woman from her bed and took the chain, before dragging her around the house and demanding money and jewellery.

She was repeatedly punched, while her brother was pushed down the stairs and also assaulted.

Both victims received medical treatment after their 10-minute ordeal on Saturday at about 3.30am. They suffered cuts and bruises.

The thieves got away from the house in Selborne Road, with jewellery worth around £15,000.

The alarm was raised moments later when a neighbour heard the commotion and saw the men running away from the house.

The home is being examined by forensic officers as police speak to locals to try and find the attackers.

1,000 fines at hospital

MORE than 1,000 parking tickets have been handed out to patients, staff and visitors at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital in less than a year.

Motorists caught flouting the rules by parking inappropriately or on red lines are fined £15.

It follows a clampdown by car park attendants after complaints about motorists blocking the path of ambulances. Car park operator Intervise said 1,019 fines had been given out between April last year and February this year. The number is less than 2010, which saw almost 1,400 penalised.

TRADERS ANGRY AT ROADWORKS

by Adam Burling

TRADERS on a main route in Halesowen say they are losing custom and money due to roadworks. Engineers are replacing old gas mains in Gorsty Hill Road and Coombes Road. Both have been made one-way while the 20-week project is completed.

Businesses say the £500,000 project is having a negative impact on trade, while residents say drivers are clogging up narrow streets to avoid the works. Traders say there is a lack of parking spaces and customers are being put off from visiting the area as they get stuck in traffic. Dalvinder Kaur, owner of the Olympia chip shop on Coombes Road, said: "It has been terrible. We have seen our takings go down by a third in the last week, and I'm worried it will get worse."

Barry Woodward, landlord of the Lighthouse pub on the same road, said: "It has cut the pub off completely. It's not just me, there's an off licence, pharmacy, chip shop - they are all in the same situation."

"This is going to go on for a long time and they should have been organised much better. Residents should have been better informed and asked for their views."

Louise Martin, who lives in High Haden Crescent, added that drivers were causing chaos by using side roads to avoid the works.

She said: "It really is dangerous."

Safety

"Narrow roads are becoming very busy and we think there is a real safety issue."

The work, being carried out by National Grid, will take six months and two roads in Hurst Green will both be made one-way during the scheme.

At the same time South Staffs Water workers will be replacing an old iron cast water main.

National Grid project manager, Stan Best, said: "This project is a major investment in the safety and reliability of Hurst Green's gas supply and will be a short term inconvenience for a long term benefit."

"The new plastic pipes we are laying will last for up to 80 years and needs little or no maintenance."

"We appreciate that there is never a good time to close such a busy road, but we have worked very closely with South Staffs Water and Dudley Council to co-ordinate our projects which will help to keep disruption to a minimum."



Business owner and resident Louise Martin, front, with, from left, Dalvinder Kaur, from the Olympia chip shop, Barry Woodward, licensee of The Lighthouse pub, and Francene Roberts, from the Evergreen Pharmacy



One-way traffic - Gorsty Hill Road where the roadworks are taking place

Four sites on table for new fire depot

FIRE chiefs have earmarked four potential sites for the new fire station to cover Cradley Heath and Halesowen.

A list of sites was whittled down to four in the private session of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority meeting.

Chairman of the meeting and Sandwell Councillor John Edwards who was unable to reveal the locations of the sites due to commercial reasons, said a final decision will be made within three months.

This comes after fire chiefs approved plans to buy a new site to build a £3 million fire station to cover both the Halesowen and Cradley Heath area.

Halesowen fire station was closed last month, and all firefighters redeployed to other fire stations. Currently crews in Cradley Heath are covering both areas.

Councillor Edwards said: "We have now got four potential sites that we are focused on."

For each of them we will undertake detailed surveys and will be talking to council planners, developers and other parties. We will also be looking at the risk and response times to having the stations based at those sites." He added: "We hope to move this process along relatively quickly."

Two sent to crown court

TWO men have been charged with robbing two jewellers in Dudley and Halesowen. Carlus Walker, aged 18, of Milverton Road, Coventry, appeared at Wolverhampton Magistrates' Court.

While Martin Young, 41, of Frevil Road, Coventry, appeared at Dudley Magistrates' Court. Both men are charged with robbery and their cases have been committed to Wolverhampton Crown Court.

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Singers find their voice for TV show

THREE singing sensations from the Midlands have secured a place in the next round of hit BBC television contest The Voice.

Black Country Living Museum worker Lindsey Butler, Dudley barmaid Jenny Jones and Kidderminster student Becky Hill received heaps of praise for their performances.

They were taking part in the last round of blind auditions, aired at

the weekend, and had to win over celebrity judges including Jessie J and Will.i.am, whose backs were turned while they sang.

Their success comes as it emerged The Voice is trouncing Britain's Got Talent in the ratings war.

The BBC's singing contest brought in twice as many viewers – 11.8 million – compared with 5.8 million for Simon Cowell's ITV talent show between 8pm and 8.20pm,

when the two went head-to-head.

Lindsey, of West Bromwich, was picked to join the team of Welsh singing legend Tom Jones, after her stunning performance of Rod Stewart's I Don't Wanna Talk About It.

Speaking after her audition, the 41-year-old, who works as a demonstrator at the museum, said: I didn't feel particularly nervous before I hit the stage but as I walked towards the mic, I could feel my knees shak-

ing." For 25-year-old barmaid Jenny, who runs The Struggling Man, Dudley, the shot at stardom comes after she was struck down by meningitis four years ago. After recovering from her ordeal, the former Bishop Milner Catholic School pupil took the job in the pub and sang for customers. Her rendition of Duffy's hit song Mercy left judges Will.i.am and The Script's Danny O'Donoghue fighting over her.

Deadline looms to organise parties

ONLY 11 applications have been lodged by residents hoping to hold Diamond Jubilee street parties in Dudley.

Residents in the borough can join the rest of the country in the celebrations by hosting events on either June 3 or 4.

Charges for street closures are being waived by Dudley Council bosses in a bid to encourage more people to organise events.

But people are being asked to get their applications in before the end of the month to allow enough time for them to be processed.

Council officers say any street can host a party except those on major traffic or bus routes. Residents wishing to host a party need to get the agreement of everyone on their street.

They must put barriers in place and nominate their own stewards. These must be stewarded at all times and a rota system is advised to allow everyone to join in the fun. It is also recommended communities take out public liability insurance. For more information on road closures call 01384 815437 or go on online to www.dudley.gov.uk

Proposals for a weekly Saturday market in Halesowen have been thrown out amid fears it would harm trade and force shops to shut. Traders, councillors and bosses at the town's Cornbow Shopping Centre objected to plans to hold a farmers, craft and general market each Saturday.

Motorists set to face more misery in centre

DRIVERS in Dudley town centre face more misery as two months of roadworks are carried out on a major route.

Lanes will be closed in Trindle Road, which links Castle Hill and the Dudley Southern Bypass, between April 23 and June 10 while gas mains are replaced.

Council bosses have warned motorists to expect delays while the work is carried out. Temporary traffic lights will also be set up in St James's Road, Parsons Street and Ednam Road on April 28 and 29, and May 5 and 6.

Work will start at 8.30am and continue until early evening. The council says workers will try to reduce the level of noise but admit disruption will be "unavoidable". Advance warning signs and signed diversion routes will be in place.

The road closures in Dudley are part of an 18-month programme of works in the town that traders claim is hitting their businesses.

John Millar, director of the urban environment, said: "The utility works taking place in Dudley town centre continue to progress well."

At present a 35-stall market is held on alternate Saturdays. But operator Steve Evans felt a weekly event would help establish the market as a regular shopping destination.

However, Dudley Council's licensing sub-committee decided to refuse Mr Evans' application at a meeting on Tuesday.

Sub-committee chairman Councillor Alan Taylor said present frequency of the market, which can be held up to three times a month, gave a "balance" for the community and for shoppers.

Speaking at the meeting, Cornbow Centre manager, Eve O'Connor, said stalls already "obliterate" the view of shop fronts on market days.

Paying

"The shops are paying their business rates and they can't be seen on their busiest trading day," she said.

"We feel the market is evolving over time with the outcome it will become a general market and it is felt from the businesses that they are having to compete against it as well as find the overheads that they have to pay."

Halesowen chamber of trade chairman, Steve Fitzpatrick, speaking at the meeting, added: "I feel that a market held every Saturday would cause problems for the shops that are already there. I feel that if we have a market there every Saturday shops will close."

Milliband drops into region



David Miliband meets Margaret Homer, aged 71, during his visit to the Midlands

Labour MP David Miliband stressed the importance of the Black Country as a "barometer" for the mood of the country during a whistle-stop visit to the area.

Mr Miliband was in Halesowen on Tuesday to meet Labour candidates vying for a seat on Dudley Council in the upcoming elections.

He also surprised residents in the area by knocking on doors during his 40-minute stop-over in the town, which formed part of

a larger tour of the Midlands. Mr Miliband, a former Foreign Secretary, was told how the town had lost both its magistrates court and fire station in recent times. He heard from candidates how some were concerned Halesowen was losing its "unique identity" to the wider Dudley area.

His visit to the town started at its former ambulance station, in Old Hawne Lane, which is now on the market. The service has moved to premises in New Road.

Arrests over raid on shop

Police hunting for a thief who threatened a Kidderminster shopkeeper with a machete have arrested two men over the robbery.

Two masked raiders burst into the BK Minimarket in Hoo Road and one threatened Baldev Singh, aged 43, with the blade. They grabbed cash and cigarettes during the raid on April 5.

West Mercia Police said two men, one aged 23 and the other 19, were arrested on suspicion of robbery.

Anyone who has information can call police on 0300 333 3000, quoting incident reference 623-S-050412.

Ascot fundraiser

WOMEN can enjoy the glamour of Ascot at a fundraising lunch at the Dormy House Hotel, Willerley Hill, Broadway, for St Richard's Hospice in Worcester. The event on June 21 will screen racing from Ascot. Guests should dress to impress. Call 01905 763963.

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Boost for number of medics

MORE than 100 extra paramedics will be available to attend 999 calls in the West Midlands by the end of the year, bosses say.

The region's ambulance service wants to boost the number of paramedics so more patients can be treated at the scene instead of needing to go to hospital for treatment. Currently, 115 ambulance technicians are undergoing university training courses.

They will qualify between August and November this year. Meanwhile West Midlands Ambulance Service is also recruiting a further 25 paramedics, who will start in October.

It means by March next year, 64 per cent of the service's frontline staff will be paramedics.

The aim is to increase this to 70 per cent and bosses say plans for a further 70 members of staff to attend paramedic courses in 2013 will bring the service nearer to this target.

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman Murray MacGregor said: "This will give us a frontline skill mix by March next year of around 64 per cent paramedic."

"Our strategic plan is to get to circa 70 per cent."

Courses at nature site

A BLACK Country nature reserve is running a new series of animal care courses.

Brockwood Animal Sanctuary, Sedgley wants people to sign up early for their animal care courses run at the centre, in Catholic Lane.

Bekeeper courses will start on April 25 and for the first time this year there will be workshop-style courses to give people information and tips on how to keep chickens.

Brockwood Animal Sanctuary took over the site in Cotwall End Valley in 2005.

Opening times are 10am to 5pm. Entry is £4 for adults, concessions £3.20 and children £2.50.

New text service

A NEW text message information service has been launched by Dudley's Castle & Crystal Credit Union, allowing access to account information.

Members will need to register their mobile. For more information call 01384 815771 to speak to a credit union representative.

Bryn, 70, carves out images that will stick



Bryn Williams with the walking stick

CRAFTSMAN Bryn Williams has carved his own mark on the 100th anniversary of the Titanic sinking.

The Black Country pensioner created two intricately-carved walking stick handles linking the region with the liner.

One depicts local industrialist Noah Hingley, whose family made the Titanic anchor in Netherton.

The other shows the ship's captain, Edward Smith, who came from Stoke-on-Trent, with a length of chain from his collar down to a depiction of the anchor. Both show the flair and attention to detail Mr Williams, a 70-year-old button factory worker from Banners Street, Cradley, has perfected since he started carving walking stick handles as a hobby in the late 1960s.

Mr Williams, a grandfather, has created a collection of around 40 fancy walking stick handles, including one in honour of Mary Macarthur, who led the 1910 chainmakers' strike, and others depicting wildlife.

He selects one of the sticks each day to take out on walks with his wife, Shirley. He spent three months - from the end of December to March -

working an hour or two each day - to create the Titanic themed heads, which are now on display at the offices of the Black Country Bugle, High Street, Cradley Heath.

He uses a dentist-style drill and cutters to carve the horn he uses as the base for his works of art.

"When I realised the centenary of the sinking of the Titanic was this year, I decided to do some designs so the Black Country link would be commemorated at the same time," said Mr Williams, who worked for 45 years at James Grove & Sons, Halesowen.



Captain Smith from the Titanic

Gigantic anchor has place in Titanic's tragic history

IT IS a story that has been told for a hundred years. The sons of Netherton cemented their place in the history books after creating the gigantic anchor for the tragic RMS Titanic.

by Andrew Turton

When the colossal 18ft-long anchor emerged from the premises of Noah Hingley & Sons in April 1911, excitement swept through the Black Country town.

Hundreds lined the streets as 20 horses helped to pull the anchor on the back of a dray, along the two miles between Netherton and Dudley Railway Station. It was then transported to the Belfast shipyards of Harland and Wolff where the liner was being built.

The journey was replicated when a new anchor, created using original drawings, was made as part of a television documentary two years ago.

Titanic researcher Jonathan Smith helped the programme-makers by providing technical details of the original anchor's construction.

He said the story of the anchor has "captured the imagination" of the town over the last century.

"It is a testament to all the workers, not only those at Noah Hingley's and it is still a proud moment for the area," said the 41-year-old of Willenhall. "Everyone

knows the story of Titanic off by heart.

"It is interesting that people from the Midlands have such a connection to it but there are many links such as the anchor."

Noah Hingley & Sons received the commission for the anchors, both side and centre, in late 1910 from H&W which also built Titanic's sister ships Olympic and Britannic.

Specialist

The firm, known throughout the country for its chain link and forging skills, also subcontracted parts of the anchor to other local specialist companies.

Sections of the anchor's central bar called a shank were forged by Halesowen's Walter Somers Ltd.

For the original journey, the anchor was drawn on a cart, or dray, by Great Bridge haulage company WA Ree.

Mr Smith, who was part of the BBC's coverage for the Titanic anniversary, said the workers of Noah Hingley's should be honoured with a special plaque or memorial.



Noah Hingley & Sons, Netherton the firm which produced the original Titanic anchor



The replica of the Titanic anchor, which stood outside the Black Country Living Museum, Dudley

£240,000 ready to be shared out

COMMUNITY projects in Dudley could benefit from a share of £240,000 from council bosses in a scheme.

Groups are able to apply to Dudley Council's area committees for a share of the funding pot over the next 12 months. But the rules have changed slightly around the funding.

Area committees cover Brierley Hill, Central Dudley, North Dudley, Halesowen and Stourbridge. Call 01384 815236 or see www.dudley.gov.uk.

Church hosting music sessions

A KIDDERMINSTER church is staging a programme of music over the spring and summer.

All of the events will be held at St George's Church, Radford Avenue, with the next taking place on April 28. It will feature the Kidderminster Valentines ladies choir.

The programme will continue on May 19 with the Birmingham Community Gospel Choir.

Tickets can be reserved through Keith Mullan on 01562 67085 or Chris Tew on 01746 780788.

Firm kicking off summer of giving

AN INDEPENDENT recruitment consultancy in Dudley has started a Summer of Giving to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

Concept Resourcing's Great Easter Bake-Off raised £156 to start a programme.

Donations can be given at www.justgiving.com/ConceptResourcingSummerOfGiving or by texting CONC99 £5 to 70070 to donate £5.

Business group is to host talk

MEMBERS of a Stourbridge women's business group will hear about the work of the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity at the next meeting.

Girls Lunching and Meeting (Glam) will hold their next gathering on April 19 at 12.30pm at the Lyttelton Arms, Hagley, near Stourbridge.

Group recruiting

A drama group is looking for new members to take part in future productions. Anyone who wants to join can contact Tipton Arts on 07918 148011.

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TIMEWATCH (BBC2) was a little harsh on the natural world with its investigation into the Titanic tragedy looking at "The Iceberg That Caused The Catastrophe." I thought it was Captain Smith.

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"I'm in the queue at Waitrose." Mobile-phone conversation overheard by a Daily Telegraph reader - in the queue at Aldi. If you've heard similar mobile-phone whoppers, do let me know.

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THERE was never a corgi in hell's chance of Camilla being called anything other than Queen Camilla when Charles becomes King. All that Palace nonsense about Camilla being styled as consort to the next king was merely a sop to the grieving millions who thought making Camilla a queen would be an insult to Diana.

Now the Queen has appointed Camilla a Dame Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order. Royal watchers are feverishly informing us that this paves the way for Camilla one day to be known as Queen. This was the plan all along. How could it be otherwise? The wife of a king is always a queen. How stupid do they think we are?

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I HAVE focused recently on the pitiful thickness of the average criminal. However, there are some blockheads allegedly working for the forces of law and order. Three weeks into a robbery trial, a juror got a sick note from her GP, went on holiday and phoned the court to say she was off ill. Court staff in Preston became suspicious because the call came from Malta. The juror has now been jailed for contempt and her family seem hugely surprised. It's a sharp, simple message from the legal system. As the Law Society Gazette headline on the case says: "Hell hath no fury like a courtroom scorned."

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Legal fight begins to stop waste deliveries

A LEGAL battle has been launched to stop waste being delivered to a firm at the centre of a dispute over a towering mound of rubbish.

Officials from the Environment Agency appeared before the High Court seeking an injunction against Refuse Derived Fuel Limited, Brierley Hill. Families living nearby have been calling for action over the 30ft pile of rubbish for months.

Fined for dumping

A MAN has been ordered to pay £215 after being caught dumping cider bottles in Halesowen.

Anthony Brian Everill failed to pay a fixed penalty notice or turn up to court after he was seen discarding the bottles in September last year.

Police, in an unmarked car, saw the 44-year-old dumping the bottles on land next to an electrical substation in Cakemore Road.

Sergeant Martin Hall, who is based in Halesowen, spoke to Everill and reported the matter to Dudley Council.

Everill, who was living at Dormy Hotel, Hagley Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, was issued with a £75 fixed penalty but failed to pay.

Dudley magistrates heard the case in Everill's absence and ordered him to pay a £100 fine, £100 costs and £15 victim surcharge.

They want an injunction preventing more waste coming to the site and agency officials have been gathering evidence.

A judge decided a full hearing on the injunction would take place on May 3.

Agency officials said they had also served further notices on the company requiring waste at the site in Moor Street, to be cleared.

Around 50 complaints have been made to the agency about the rubbish since last summer. They say the waste has become a blight and demanded action.

The agency says the firm has missed a series of deadlines to reduce the pile to acceptable levels.

Environment Agency spokesman David Hudson confirmed a legal bid had now been launched.

"We appreciate the patience residents in the area are showing and would like to thank them for their help and understanding," he said. No one from Refuse Derived Fuel Limited was available for comment.

Vandals strike at allotments



Alice Simmonds and Amy James, both aged nine, Josh Partridge, 10 and volunteer Mick Poultney at the allotments that were vandalised over Easter

VANDALS tore up plants and damaged a poly tunnel during a wrecking spree at a school allotment in Halesowen.

They struck at the plot at Caslon Primary School where gardener Mick Poultney had been helping youngsters grow vegetables.

It is the third time the allotment at the site in Beeches View Avenue has been attacked in two years.

Mr Poultney, who is chairman of Cradley Gardening Club, said he was "disgusted" by the mindless vandalism, which has upset the schoolchildren.

"They have worked hard on the garden and now we will have to start again."

"It is so frustrating and makes me really angry," he said.

The former firefighter said images from the school's CCTV cameras showed two youths climbing over fences to reach the garden.

They were then seen pulling up the vegetable plants and throwing them around the allotment around 7.30pm on Good Friday. Anyone with any information can call 101 or Crimestoppers.

Schools missing out on funding

DUDLEY schools missed out on millions of pounds in payouts to create more spaces for pupils as the birth rate increases.

While Staffordshire is celebrating after being awarded nearly £13 million from the fund and Sandwell has won £2m, Dudley, Wolverhampton and Walsall have been left empty-handed.

But the borough's education boss, Councillor Liz Walker, said: "We don't need it at the moment in any case."

A total of £600m is being made available for local education authorities nationwide. Staffordshire County Council is one of the biggest beneficiaries of the funding, with education secretary Michael Gove awarding £12.8m. The money will be spent in the next financial year to cover the cost of catering for more pupils and expanding school buildings.

Councillor Mrs Walker said, while some authorities closed schools a decade ago due to a falling birth rate, Dudley kept them open.

Home is raided

THREE diamond rings, a diamond bracelet, a laptop and an iPod were stolen during a burglary at a house in Olive Lane, Halesowen.

The property was targeted between Tuesday and Wednesday. The thieves got in through a window.



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St George's Day events scheduled

FLAGS will be flying and residents parading in the streets for the Black Country and Staffordshire's annual St George's Day celebrations.

Events honouring England's patron saint have been announced and are expected to attract crowds in their thousands.

In Wolverhampton, celebrations will be taking place in Market Square on April 21 and Church Street, Bilston, on the 23rd from 11am until 2pm.

Activities will include performances by brass bands accompanied by the city organist Steve Tovey.

In Dudley, the main celebrations will be taking place in Stourbridge starting with a parade from Coventry Street.

Stilt-walking knights and a town crier will tour the town centre and firms can take part in a best-dressed shop competition.

In Rugeley, a man dressed as St George will ride a white horse through the town, while shopkeepers will decorate their frontages with bunting.

On April 21 the Manor House in Hall Green Road, West Bromwich, will stage activities including dancing and falconry.

Night of Motown

A NIGHT of Northern Soul and Motown classics will be held on May 12 at Dudley Concert Hall. The event starts at 8pm and tickets cost £7. To book call 01384 812812.

Real Hornby footbridge is given a major restoration

A RAILWAY footbridge, which was used as a template by Hornby for one of its model kits, has been restored. The Grade II listed bridge at Hagley was built in 1884 by the Great Western Railway, 32 years after the station opened on May 1, 1852.

It has now been cleaned and repainted. The work is part of a £50,000 project which has also seen ornate metal work repaired. The last time the footbridge was painted, a blue and white colour scheme was chosen but after talking to the Railway Heritage Trust, Network Rail has restored it to what is known as GWR light and dark stone.

Get a share of £125m pot

BLACK Country manufacturers are being urged to bid for a share of a £125 million fund to help make them more competitive on the world stage.

Businesses that work in a "supply chain" – for instance making parts destined for the automotive industry – are eligible to apply for cash from the Government's new Advanced Manufacturing Supply Chain Initiative.

They could win grants or loans for projects that show "real ambition" to create globally competitive supply chains and could spend on equipment, research, development or training. The funding pot was created after the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), together with colleagues in Coventry and Warwickshire, Greater Birmingham and Solihull and Liverpool City Region, made a successful joint £25 million bid for regional growth funding.

After approving the application, the Government then put up an additional £100 million to offer support to businesses.

Hundreds of businesses are expected to attend a launch event at the ICC in Birmingham on April 27 when full details of the scheme will be announced.

Parts of the ornate metalwork that needed replacing were cast especially to match and blend in with the original castings. Other repairs have been made to the structure, including sections of the guttering, while the edges of the stair treads have been coated in an anti-slip resin in contrasting colours to make them stand out. While the contractors were on site, the station buildings were also repainted at the request of train operator London Midland as was the canopy over the platform.

Network Rail's route buildings engineer Patrick Cawley, said: "It's amazing to think that people the world over 'own' a little piece of Hagley in the form of a footbridge on their railway layout."

"Having given the original footbridge a thorough overhaul, it will serve the people of Hagley for many years to come."

Simon Kohler at Hornby said: "We at Hornby are absolutely thrilled to see the Hagley footbridge restored to its former glory."

"As a model it was one of our star items and with the actual footbridge being restored, perhaps it is time that a suitable model once more became part of the Hornby range."



The historic railway footbridge restored and resplendent in its new colours



The footbridge over the railway tracks before the major overhaul

NEWS in brief

Church campaign needs donations

CAMPAIGNERS raising funds to reopen a Dudley church are appealing for tombola prizes for their weekly market stall.

Volunteers from St John's Church Preservation Group run a stall on Dudley Market every Saturday. All money raised will go towards restoring the church in Kates Hill.

The preservation group is applying to the church commissioners for permission to lease the church and take over responsibility for the repairs. To make a donation call 07871 195042.

Town is hosting country festival

A WORCESTERSHIRE town is hosting an annual, free, two-day festival celebrating the sounds, styles and dances of country music. The Country and Western Festival will be held on August 20 and 21 at Riverside Meadows, Stourport.

Events will run from noon until 8pm on the Saturday and 10am to 5pm Sunday. For overnight camping apply to Alison.bakr@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

Car wash funds

FIREFIGHTERS from Brierley Hill Fire Station held a fundraising car wash for Cancer Research UK and The Fire Fighters Charity. Around 17 firefighters took part in a charity car wash at the Dudley Road station. They raised £340.

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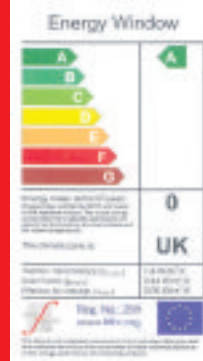
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Yeltz's dedicated Dave dies of heart attack, 78

A DEDICATED football fan who worked tirelessly on behalf of his beloved club, volunteering hours of his time, has died, aged 78.

Dave Parker is believed to have suffered a heart attack soon after arriving at Halesowen Town FC's ground to watch a match. Officials and supporters have paid to tribute to Mr Parker, of Quinton.

They said he was the "heart and soul of the club" and would be deeply missed by all. A painter and decorator, Mr Parker was among a group of volunteers who visited the club's ground, The Grove, every day to maintain the site.

He had been at The Grove as normal last week to prepare the dressing rooms for a match.

He returned later to watch the game but collapsed. Supporters carried out resuscitation until paramedics arrived and he was taken to hospital but died.

Officials from the club said Mr Parker was survived by a son and daughter.

Club chairman Colin Brookes said it had been a "complete shock".

The club held a minute's silence for Mr Parker at their home match with Clevedon Town. Players were also wearing black armbands.

Mr Brookes said: "Dave was the heart and soul of the club. Nothing was too much trouble for him. I speak for everyone when I say he will be very deeply missed."

Yeltz Trust chairman Gary Willetts said: "Everyone loved him. There was no-one who had a bad word to say about Dave."

Hope to stir up Envy



New pop group with an edge Envy with Mikey Bromley, Charlie Carter and front Juliette Mills from Dudley

A newly-formed Black Country band have set their sights on becoming the envy of young music hopefuls across the West Midlands - literally. Envy have already performed on stage alongside X Factor stars Alexandra Burke and Joe McElderry, as well as dance group Booty Luv in Brighton. Their debut single, Entice You - written by the group - is already gaining popularity on the region's radio stations, even before its official launch, planned for June. The all-vocal band consists of Charlie Carter, aged 25, from Aldridge, Mikey Bromley, 24, of Bushbury, Wolverhampton, and Juliette Mills, 23, of Dudley.

Boxing night for funding

AN AMATEUR boxing night is being held at Aston Villa's Holte Suite, Villa Park for a Dudley club.

The event on April 19 is to help Priory Park Boxing Club extend and refurbish its building. Last year the event raised £70,000 and the aim is to top that. Call 07855 368577 for tickets.

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Marriage is for men and women

WHILE Maureen Benton (April 5) is quite right regarding Henry VIII and his title Defender of the Faith, there is little else right in her letter, particularly her assertion that Christians are all too ready to condemn, Christians hate the sin not the sinner.

Maureen Benton asks the question, "Why is same-sex marriage so wrong? Same sex marriage is wrong for a number of reasons.

Homosexual "marriage" is contrary to the common good because it's a dead end - it quite literally has no future. The proper role of marriage in society is to provide safe and stable homes for

children to grow up in, where they are physically, emotionally, and spiritually nourished, and where they learn how to be good citizens through the care and teaching of two role models - their mother and father.

The family is the essential building block of society. Society itself is actually comprised of groups of families, communities in other words, working together to provide for each others' needs through work, education, and religious and social activities.

A small number of families not going along with this model isn't harmful, but when society as a whole decides

marriage isn't really about producing children, or providing for them, then the future of society is literally being sabotaged.

When marriage is redefined to exclude children, which gay marriage does by definition, then the outlook for children in general is bleak indeed.

A marriage fulfils a specific purpose which is to order society into families based on a union between a man and a woman, which extensive research has proved to be the best environment in which to raise children.

BRIAN SAUNDERS,
Brierley Hill

Security a concern as boat race knobbled

AS THE clock counts down to the opening ceremony of the single biggest sporting event in this country for more than half a century.

And with the much-vaunted security preparations for this mammoth event, is it not of more than a little concern that a single swimmer can slip surreptitiously into the water and bring a halt to an annual sporting fixture that has gone on largely without incident for more than a 150 years.

If a protester can disrupt an event as well organised as the Oxford & Cambridge boat race I dread to think what chaos a well-planned assault on the Olympic Games would produce, be it from so-called urban protesters, animal rights activists or even worse.

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Lengthy jail terms simply do not work

IT'S QUITE obvious lengthy prison sentences are no deterrent whatsoever for the certain type in our midst who attack and kill elderly people in their own homes as reported "yet again" about a 92 year old man who died with head injuries.

It's a disgrace and as a previous correspondent wrote some time ago is a far different type of "punishment" is needed and without delay, no holiday camp jails.

Judging by the letters on these pages it's quite apparent this pussy-footing around with criminals and murderers quoting human rights and broken homes and such nonsense is totally alien to the way the vast majority of people in this country would like it to be so

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Mother in £45,000 fraud is given suspended term

A MOTHER-of-two fraudulently received more than £45,000 in benefits after failing to tell authorities her partner was living at the same address.

Lee Walsh had been claiming income support, housing and council tax benefit as a lone parent, with no other income. But Wolverhampton Crown Court heard on Monday that between 2006 and 2009, her partner Andrew Griffiths had been living with her in Bells Lane, Stourbridge.

The 41-year-old had failed to notify the change in circumstances to the Department of Work and Pensions and Dudley Council. As result she had been paid £26,312 in income support and £18,905 in housing and council tax benefit, a total of £45,218, she was not entitled to.

The court heard Walsh had originally denied the matter but had pleaded guilty to two charges of failing to notify a

change in circumstances before the case came to trial.

Judge Nicholas Webb branded Walsh "totally dishonest" for her actions.

She was sentenced to 26 weeks imprisonment suspended for two years, ordered to carry out 200 hours unpaid work and placed on a supervision order for 12 months. Walsh was also ordered to pay £400 costs.

Nicholas Berry, prosecuting, said Walsh was "presented with evidence showing her partner had the same address as her on documents."

Mrs Belinda Ariss, defending, said Walsh's partner worked away often and had only stayed at the address for some of the time over the period. "In terms of contribution to the household it was ad hoc. He paid for things when he was there," she said. "He moved into the house fully in July 2009." But Judge Webb said she should have notified authorities of the change.

Pensioner billed £2,200 for repairing leaking tap

A PLUMBER billed an Oldbury pensioner £2,224 after being called out to repair a leaky tap.

Steven Greenaway was found guilty of carrying out unnecessary work and also overcharging the 76-year-old man, who was suffering from Huntington's disease.

Greenaway, aged 39, of Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster, had denied two charges of fraud but he was found guilty at Wolverhampton Crown Court last month.

On Monday he was made the subject of a 12-month supervision order, told to carry out 200 hours unpaid work in the community and to pay £500 compensation to the pensioner. During trial Mr Mark Jackson, prosecuting for Sandwell Council's trading standards department, said Greenaway called at the pensioner's home because he had a leaking bathroom tap.

But Greenaway charged him for a new bath that the pensioner, who had a number of "chronic" medical conditions, did not

need. Judge Michael Dudley had earlier directed the panel to find Greenaway not guilty of a third charge of fraud and of stealing £600 from the pensioner. Judge Michael Dudley told 39-year-old Greenaway: "He was patently an extremely vulnerable gentleman. He was not expecting to pay for a new bath. It is a despicable offence."

He however, said Greenaway's conviction was "substantial punishment". He added: "I am sure that what you did to this man will live with you for a long time to come."

The court had been told the self-employed plumber had charged the pensioner for installing the new bath while working as a sub-contractor for 1st Action Maintenance Limited. Mr Jackson maintained Greenaway never asked permission to remove the old bath or install the new one.

Mr Simon Rippon, defending Greenaway, a man of previous good character, said the conviction would badly affect his ability to work as a plumber.

Fears over care home

RESIDENTS concerned about plans to turn a detached house into a care home for young people are gearing up to object after councillors visited the proposed site.

The four-bedroom facility in Limepit Lane, Dudley, would look after 16 to 24-year-olds who have just left foster care. But locals are concerned youths will end up congregating near the home. A petition with 59 names and 15 letters of objection have been sent to Dudley Council.

The proposals had been recommended for approval by planning chiefs. But the development control committee have now visited the site. The plans will be considered on April 24.

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Plans for register office to be set up in library

Rubble is piling up



Demolition continues at the former Crown Shopping Centre

WORK to demolish Stourbridge's Crown Centre is now well under way with bulldozers making quick work of pulling down the former shops.

Rubble is piling up and can be seen from the ring road. Work to clear the 9,000 tons of debris from the Bell Street car park, which was

reduced to rubble on April 1, is also under way. The Crown Centre is being knocked down to make way for a new £50million shopping centre and Tesco store. It is expected to take another two-and-a-half weeks to clear the former car park site.

BIRTHS, marriages and deaths could be registered in Halesowen for the first time ever under new plans. Dudley Council wants to set up a register office within Halesowen Library.

It means residents would no longer have to travel to Stourbridge or Dudley. Council chiefs say there is a demand for the service as some people – such as new mothers or the elderly – could struggle to travel. People will also be able to post notices of marriages and civil partnerships.

But the council says marriage ceremonies will still only be available in Dudley – as they want to encourage people to use the picturesque Priory Park.

Councillor Adrian Turner is in discussions with the authority's registrars to see if any can start working in Halesowen.

He said they were trying to work out a schedule to fit in with the existing venues in the borough.

It is likely the service would be offered on specific days each week.

Councillor Turner said: "This would be a brand new service for Halesowen and would make life easier for people in areas such as Cradley and Lye."

"I want to open up the borough for people and stop them having to get on a bus when they could have something like this on their doorstep."

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Pupils in the classroom from around 1925 all with their hands behind their backs



Medallion - struck in 1843 to raise funds for the school



The school in 1989, shortly before moving to Black Country Living Museum

Best days of your life unless you turned up with dirty hands

SCHOOLDAYS, supposedly, are the best days of our lives but the Class of 1842 might disagree as caning was part of the curriculum and it cost two pennies a week to attend.

Pupils at St James' School, Salop Street, Eve Hill, Dudley who turned up wearing dirty boots found themselves scratching "slovenliness" 100 times on to their slate and serious misdemeanors received a more severe punishment.

Stuffy in the summer and cold in the winter, children would sometimes fall asleep in the classrooms or be forced to run round the schoolyard to keep warm.

Stoves

Schoolmaster, Mr Westbury, wrote on July 22 1868: "Another very hot day. Several little boys fell asleep, did not trouble to wake them".

January 4: "Very cold, allowed the classes to stand round the stoves, 10 minutes each class"

The school bell announced the start of the day at 8.55am when pupils lined up in the yard, before filing into the classroom.

After the register, hymns would be sung and



By Black Country Living Museum's Fiona Carding

then the teaching would begin.

The youngest children would sit in the gallery where they would chant the alphabet backwards or recite rhymes such as "Infants never must be lazy, On to work and up-si-daisy".

Another class sat on the benches and practised drawing pot hooks on their slates in preparation for real writing.

Standard 1 would sit at the desk to write with ink pens in their copy books.

Pupils with dirty hands would be sent home to wash before they began.

The children would copy proverbs which the

teacher would write on the blackboard such as: A fool and his money are soon parted; waste not, want not or count ten before you speak, and used rhyming language to remember facts and figures.

School treats saw usually reluctant pupils attending classes. The School's log book notes on August 3 1863: "Seven boys admitted in 4th class. Many seeking admission in expectation of school treat."

End of term treats included nuts and oranges and there was often an annual school trip.

Honour

The pupils of 1888 enjoyed an August day out to Himley Park to honour the Earl of Dudley's coming of age.

St. James' ceased to operate as a school in 1980 when it became a community centre.

In 1989 the building closed as it had become structurally unsafe.

The school was moved to the Black Country Living Museum and reopened in May 1992 where children can once again experience a Victorian School lesson, held daily, in St James' School.



One of the volunteers re-enacting the schoolroom at the museum

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Mark hopes for a better deal



Mark Grimm, of Kingswinford, who is taking part in the London Marathon

A FORMER Deal or No Deal contestant who won just 4p on the show is hoping for better luck when he runs the London Marathon for charity. Mark Grimm, from Kingswinford, has been preparing for the April 22 run for months competing in half marathons and 10-mile races to build up his stamina.

The self-employed property worker is hoping to raise thousands for Sense, which

works with the deaf and blind. Mr Grimm, of Bromley Lane, chose the charity as his mother, Mary, worked with physically and mentally disabled youngsters.

Mr Grimm, aged 42, hit the headlines in 2008 when he appeared on Deal or No Deal and walked away with just 4p. He needs to raise a minimum of £1,500 and is asking people to donate at www.justgiving.com

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Quarry protesters trying to get police on board

CAMPAIGNERS battling against a new quarry are calling on the police to oppose the plan on the grounds it will add to traffic dangers on a narrow country road.

Quarry owner FG Davis & Sons aims to win planning permission for the new site at Wall Heath and recently revised proposals, switching access from Swindon Road to Mile Flat. Campaigner Keith Boddison, who has lived in the village for 60 years, said the change of access may "pacify" people living near Swindon Road in Heath Brook Farm Estate. But the 68-year-old added: "This latest proposal makes absolutely no difference whatsoever to the catastrophic effect the proposed quarry would have on the area."

Mr Boddison, of Tythebarn Drive, Wall Heath, said Mile Flat was a popular haunt for bikers and walkers and was lined with trees and bushes, which limited visibility when they were in full leaf.

"The proposal to move 1,000 eight-wheeler vehicles per week along a narrow road with no street lighting or footpaths to and from an access point on a bend can only be described as ludicrous," he said. Dave Tyler, who is leading the Quarries Fighting Fund campaign, recently met Staffordshire Police Sgt Tim Heap to point out residents' fears about the access. Sgt Heap said, following the meeting with Mr Tyler, he was now investigating further before deciding whether the police should make any comments.

Matt runs for tragic wife



Matt Johnson set for the marathon with support from son Harry, aged eight and, inset, Matt's wife Karen who died a month after their son was born. A ROWLEY Regis man will run the London Marathon in memory of his wife who died just one month after their son was born.

Matt Johnson, aged 38, will take part in the 26-mile run for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, the disease which killed his wife Karen. Mr Johnson, a web manager at Sandwell Council, hopes to raise £1,000. Mrs Johnson died aged 32 in 2004 just a month after the couple's son Harry was born. Mr Johnson, of Churchill Drive said: "I had an awful lot of support from friends and family back then and throughout. I am now asking for their help again to sponsor my marathon."

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Past pictures show at postcard parade



Liz Benson on her stall at the postcard fair at Kidderminster Railway Museum at Severn Valley Railway Station

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The event at Kidderminster Railway Museum, Station Approach, Comberton Hill, featured a vast variety of antique cards.

Many of them dated back to Edwardian times when people used them as a main method of communication.

They featured scenes from around the Midlands and focused on a wide range of subjects.

There were also cards featuring photos of artworks, cars, railways, theatres, farming and shipping, many of which were on sale.

Designs featuring embroidery patterns were also on display.

Spokesman for the museum David Postle said: "This is always a popular event."

"There is a great range of scenes of locations stretching from Land's End to John O'Groats and people seem to enjoy finding places they used to visit with their families."

Two held over fake charity collections

POLICE have seized thousands of fake charity clothes collection bags in Worcestershire.

The bags claimed to be raising money for the Gloucestershire and Worcestershire Air Ambulance, which does not exist. They had been delivered to homes across the county including Wyre Forest so people could fill them with unwanted clothes, shoes and household items.

Two men, aged 27 and 37, were arrested on suspicion of fraud after a car was stopped in Worcester. They have both been released on police bail pending further inquiries by Gloucestershire Police. A West Mercia Police Spokesman said: "Maps recovered from the vehicle suggest that these bags had been distributed in Evesham, Pershore, Worcester and Stourport."

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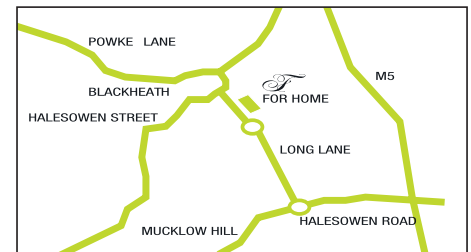
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Action group is formed to save The Hippodrome

A FORMER theatre could once again become the showbiz heart of Dudley after a new action group was formed to help save it from demolition.

Campaigners are stepping up their battle to secure a future for the former Dudley Hippodrome on Castle Hill and want to see it restored.

At a meeting last week, residents voted to launch the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome group. The group aims not only to save the threatened building but also restore the site as a major entertainment venue.

Campaign co-founder Geoff Fitzpatrick was named as the new group's chairman.

The former college lecturer first launched the fight along with fellow resident Malcolm Palmer. Fears are growing the building could be demolished as part of Dudley Council's plans for regeneration of the Castle Hill area.

The campaign has already been supported by comedy legend, and regular visitor to Dudley, Ken Dodd.

Mr Fitzpatrick said: "I am pleased our fight has been finalised and we will now be working to secure the future of this important building." He added the building could be used for music hall evenings or nights promoting local talent.

But leader of Dudley Council Les Jones said if someone comes along with a business plan and a viable option for using this building we would certainly look at it.

Proposals for 14 homes

PLANS for 14 new homes on land in Stourbridge have been sent submitted. Palace Furniture Ltd has applied for outline planning permission for the scheme off High Street in Wollaston.

A decision will be made by planners at Dudley Council within the next two months. If approved, the firm will need to submit more details plans at a later date.

Lenny leads students



Lenny Henry with performing arts students at Walsall College

DUDLEY comedian Lenny Henry held a workshop with performing arts students to help him finalise the script for his latest play.

His production will be performed next year as part of the National Theatre's Connections Festival, which celebrates new writing and young theatre performers.

The workshop was held at the Walsall College's Wisemore Campus, Littleton Street West, and involved focus groups where the Dudley-born comedian tested key ideas out on the students, who also acted out some scenes.

Performing arts lecturer Kerry

Downing said: "It's a great privilege to have hosted the workshop at Walsall College."

"We have developed an excellent working relationship with the National Theatre, as a result of the hard work and dedication shown by students in their performance last year."

"It was an incredible and very rewarding opportunity for our students to work with an established artist such as Lenny Henry, and to also put their ideas forward for his consideration."

Details of his new play were due to be announced this week.

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Site work to create £6m archives centre started

WORK has started on the long-awaited, £6 million archives building in Dudley – as a revamp of the town's biggest tourist attractions ploughs ahead.

Work began on the site of the former Royal Brierley Crystal factory in Tipton Road. It will kick-start a £10m project which will see a joint entrance built for the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Zoo.

Preparations are now being made for a new road between the museum and zoo as part of a £10m revamp that includes a visitor centre and car park.

Building work is expected to begin in the coming weeks. Diggers moved on to the archives site next to the museum to start work on the foundations.

Summer

Bosses hope the centre, which will house Dudley's archives some of which date back to the 12th Century, will be completed by summer 2013.

The building will also have a local history library, a conservation studio, and education facilities such as a lecture theatre and conference rooms.

It will also be used to store documents for neighbouring Sandwell Council.

Councillor Adrian Turner said: "It's fantastic to have reached this stage, and it is a huge milestone for the borough."

Nursery is closing down

THE NURSERY at Kidderminster College will close in July because of a drop in demand for places.

Bosses said the number of youngsters on the books had fallen in recent years meaning it was "longer economically viable" to keep the centre open.

At the moment, there are eight children enrolled at the nursery.

Fundraising on foot



Clockwise from bottom, Pat Steventon, Janet Dale, Anne Salisbury, Marilyn Bagley, and Judy Morris, ready for the walk to raise cash

More than 200 walkers strode out for a cancer support group's annual fundraiser.

Friends and families dodged the showers to complete the three-mile course around Bodenham Arboretum, near Kidderminster, last week. It was the fourth time the event had

taken place and was organised by the Rainbow Breast Reconstruction group. The group was formed by Denise Hudson and Debbie Barnett, who met in Sainsbury's, Ambicote and found they were both recovering from breast cancer.

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Council chief offers to help find mosque site

A COUNCIL chief has offered to help Muslim leaders find a new site for a mosque after their controversial plans for land in Dudley were thrown out in the High Court.

But an appeal is likely to be lodged against the ruling by Dudley Muslim Association (DMA) - meaning the long-running dispute over the land in Hall Street could rumble on.

The proposals were rejected at a hearing on Tuesday after a legal wrangle dating back to 2005.

Dudley Council Leader Les Jones said he was "delighted this long and very sorry saga has come to a conclusion".

He said he was "extending a hand" to the association to "work with them in the future to help them in their search for a new site", adding: "I hope they accept my offer."

He added: "Now we have got this out of the way I'm hoping we can get back to the aim of developing the land for employment use to create jobs."

Dr Kurshid Ahmed, chairman of DMA, said he would talk to the council about potential alternative sites but added: "We rely on the council to provide an alternative proposal because they own many of the sites we would be able to use, and we do not have the ability to do it all ourselves."

Dr Ahmed said he was "bitterly disappointed" with the ruling.

TOWID yow it was popular

A WEB page inspired by The Only Way is Essex, which sings the praises of Dudley, has attracted more than 8,500 fans.

A Facebook page called The Only Way is Brierley Hill. T-shirts have been produced with the group's logo. The factory loader, aged 27, said he wanted to show what Dudley borough has to offer.

Dappy does heroic deed



Donna Loewy with Dappy, who saved her by alerting her to a fire

Dappy the Staffordshire bull terrier has saved the life of his disabled owner from a fire. Donna Loewy, aged 40, was lying down in the bedroom of her Wordsley home and did not realise a wooden cabinet in the living room had caught fire after she left her cigarette lighter on it. The smoke alarm didn't go off. However, six-month-old Dappy kept barking and running into the room until she realised something was wrong. Donna, who has spinal problems, said without her pet raising the alarm, the whole house could have gone up.



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118-year-old library on the move to new venue

WORK has begun to move a library which has been housed in Netherton Arts Centre for more than a century to a new venue.

Netherton Library will open at the Savoy Centre, a business and learning centre, on April 23.

The library has been in Netherton Arts Centre, Northfield Road since 1894. Dudley Council says it is carrying out the move to make the service more efficient and to help save cash. But the plans have proved controversial, with some councillors objecting.

Councillor Qadar Zada, who represents Netherton, had said he would prefer to see money being spent on resolving issues with the current building rather than the library being moved.

But the council, which has consulted residents and community groups, said the Savoy Centre would offer more modern facilities and better access.

It will also have self-service technology which bosses say will give staff more time to help visitors to the library. It will be similar in size, have the same number of public access computers as before and all the existing stock will be transferred.

Preparations have already begun at the new venue and the existing library will close to allow the stock and shelving to be moved.

Opening hours will be extended by an hour each day during the week as it the library will now stay open between 1pm and 2pm.

Rooms open for season

THE STATE Rooms at a Midlands castle have been opened for the summer season.

Worcestershire County Museum at Hartlebury Castle, Kidderminster opens every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday until the end of September. The State Rooms form the middle part of the building between what used to be the Bishop's private living quarters and the servants wing.

Disappointing turnout



Wardens Terry Speak and Stephen Beardes with volunteer Tony Pritchard and Keep Britain Tidy's Louise North at a litter pick

ONLY one volunteer turned up to an event aimed at encouraging residents to improve and look after the canal in Stourbridge.

Staff from British Waterways, Dudley Council and wardens gathered at the Fens branch of the canal for six hours and removed 25 bags of

rubbish. However, only a single member of the public turned out to help with the task despite appeals for volunteers. It's hoped future projects will generate more interest. The clean-up took place along the canal which runs through Fens Pool Nature Reserve in Brierley Hill.

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Carpet maker's HQ has been put on the market

THE FORMER headquarters of Kidderminster carpet maker Brintons has been put on the market after standing empty since the end of last year.

That was when workers at the three-storey grade II listed building in Exchange Street were moved to the firm's two other sites in the town.

It was built in 1876 and extended in 1926 and was previously used as company offices. The building has consent for a 60-bed extra care home and shops. Other uses such as an hotel could also be considered.

The building has been put on the market by real estate adviser DTZ, which is part of UGL Services.

A guide price for the property has not been publicly released but will be made available to interested potential buyers.

Associate director Iain McArthur said: "This is an historically important building for Kidderminster and we believe potential purchasers may wish to seek an alternative use for the property, including hotel, retail and other commercial uses and, as a result, we will be marketing the site unconditionally and conditionally, subject to the purchaser obtaining alternative planning permission."

The 31,275 sq ft property is located within a 0.6 acre site.

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Spirit of Coward in village

ONE of Noel Coward's best-loved plays will be brought to life by performers in a Wyre Forest village.

Chaddesley Amateur Theatrical Society will stage Blythe Spirit at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall from April 25 to 28.

Tickets, which cost £6.50, are now on sale for the show, which begins at 7.30pm each night. To book tickets call 01562 777388.

Lynsey's line launched



Lynsey Harris from Brierley Hill, with some of her Lynsey Luu jewellery

A GRADUATE from Dudley has launched her own jewellery and clothing line. University of Wolverhampton student Lynsey Harris struck upon the idea of starting up her own business while completing

her textiles degree. After graduating the 23-year-old set up her own business called Lynsey Luu. Lynsey, from Brierley Hill, has an office at Wolverhampton Science Park and forged links with a local manufacturer.

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Walks around the local beauty spots organised

FAMILIES can enjoy walks around some of Dudley's beauty spots throughout this month.

A six-mile walk will take place on the Fens Pool canal circular route from 10am to 1pm on April 25.

It will be led by some of the site's wardens and includes slopes and steps. Places need to be booked on 01384 812780.

Walkers should meet at the wardens' office at Dell Stadium, at the junction of Bryce Road and Pensnett Road in Pensnett.

Another spring stroll has been lined up for April 25 at The Leasowes from 10am to 12.30pm. It will give walkers an insight

into the history of the park. Places can be booked on 01384 814642. On April 28 two walks are taking place in the borough.

At Saltwells Nature Reserve, from 10am to midday, wardens will lead a blue-bell walk. Places need to be booked on 01384 812795 or 07717 700790.

The walk includes slopes and steep steps. Walkers should meet at the car park off Saltwells Lane, Quarry Bank, Dudley.

The second walk, organised by the Friends of Cotwall End Valley is on April 28 from 2pm to 4.30pm.

Walkers should meet on Brockwood Animal Sanctuary car park, in Catholic Lane. Call 07849 804242.

Vow over waste blaze

Dudley Council has pledged to launch an investigation at a Black Country waste plant after families complained about the second blaze there in a year.

Firefighters spent a whole day recently tackling the latest fire, which swept through mounds of household waste waiting to be recycled at Oakham Environmental in Oak Lane, Kingswinford.

It was almost exactly a year since another big fire broke out there, which smouldered for more than a week.

Families living on the adjoining Oak Lane caravan park say they are fed up. Robert Hodgetts, aged 23, whose 22-

year-old wife, Bernadette, is eight months pregnant and who also has a two-year-old son, Robert, said: "Last year it was burning for a week and a half and now it's on fire again - and we and our children are breathing it in."

Councillor David Stanley promised a full investigation.

Complaints

"I will be speaking to our officers to investigate what complaints we have had and what has been happening at the site," said Councillor Stanley, who could see the smoke from the Oak Lane blaze from his home a mile away in Gornal.

"We will also discuss with the fire service what has caused the blaze so we can consider what, if any, action might

need to be taken," he added.

A passer-by is believed to have raised the alarm after spotting the fire just after 6am on Easter Monday.

At the height of the blaze more than 45 firefighters from 10 stations across the Black Country and Birmingham were at the scene.

A member of staff from Oakham Environmental operated a digger to pull out burning rubbish so the firefighters could tackle the flames.

Fire investigators will continue to find out the cause of the blaze.

A spokesman for the company, who would not give his name, said a skip originally caught fire and the flames spread to other rubbish nearby.

The spokesman refused to comment further.

Staff are on the move

AROUND 100 council staff will move into part of Kidderminster Library under new cost-cutting plans.

The second floor of the building in Market Street will be turned into offices to cater for workers from Worcestershire County Council.

While meeting rooms and the gallery space will be moved to the first floor to make way for the staff.

A coffee bar will be created in the central atrium on the ground floor.

The county council says the move will reduce operating costs and help its bid to save £1.8million.

Landscapes are captured on canvas



Hall administrator Lesley Horne with the display



A picture of a stately home on show in the exhibition

THE HARSH beauty of North Wales has been captured on canvas by two Midland artists and put on display for visitors at Himley Hall, near Dudley.

In the first major series of paintings by artists Robert Bowers and Hannah Broadhead, who worked together on every piece produced, the Grace, Force and Beauty exhibition launched at the historic manor house.

The pair, who together run Broadhead and Bowers Fine Art, have chronicled their journey through North Wales with artworks capturing the atmospheric landscape, seascapes and vistas. They have produced 25 pieces.

Miss Broadhead, who studied fine art at Staffordshire University, teamed up with Mr Bowers, who belongs to The Royal Birmingham Society of Artists, to show their work together. The exhibition will run until June 17. After that date, Himley Hall will host an exhibition by Worcester's Enigma Group of Artists, entitled Former Glory.

The group have focused on the former grandeur of buildings and the faded beauty of clothing, among other items, as the source of inspiration for the upcoming collection.

The pieces will be on display from June 30 until September 2.

Extra town parking is being considered

EXTRA parking spaces could be made available in Stourbridge over the busy summer months with the reopening of a level of a multi-storey car park.

Shutters remain in place at the upper floor of Stourbridge's Ryemarket car park despite greater numbers now using the site daily.

The building is now the town's main car park following the closure and demolition of the nearby Bell Street site. Spaces in the car park can be at a premium at busy times especially during the school holidays when many visit the Crystal Leisure Centre and library.

Dudley Council said it was already considering reopening the roof level of the car park and would take action quickly if the situation demanded it. Councillor Patrick Harley said he believed the level had been closed due to gangs gathering there during the evening.

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Thousands try out latest gadgets

THOUSANDS flocked to the NEC Birmingham for the Gadget Show Live where the latest home and leisure technology products were unveiled to the public.

The hordes of gadget fans, many eager to get 'hands on' with the new products, were kept busy with zones

dedicated to photography, gaming, in-car entertainment, music making, home gadgetry, outdoor pursuits and future technology. There were also product launches and lecture theatres where gadgets were put through their paces at the five-day event.

Some of these products were toys for very rich boys (or girls) including the TL1 motion simulator with wrap-around 180 degree screen at an eye-watering £11,500. A three million pixel screen and fully adjustable seat sensitive to road feel complete with driving

wheel and pedals, all of which can be plugged into a Windows 7 PC, make this the ultimate racing sim... for the price of a car. Just won the lottery? How about the £40,000 pro version?

Anyone who has ever owned a flying toy will have been drooling with desire at the Parrot AR Drone 2.0 which can be controlled via an Android phone or tablet.

Out in June, this highly manoeuvrable four-propeller flying machine (a quadcopter that can flip over!) packs onboard cameras for high-definition

aerial footage that can be beamed back to your phone instantly or uploaded onto YouTube. Those who couldn't afford the £279.99 price tag were later seen mooching around the Flying Gadgets stall where you could pick up a less hi-tech copter for around £20.

I remain very sceptical about the Solowheel as the future of personal transport but this is certainly the smallest most portable transportation device being no more than a chunky wheel containing an electric motor and a couple of footplates. It is basically a unicycle without a seat or the handle of its rival the Segway. It does have a gyroscope to make the device 'self-balancing', a range of 12 miles on a single charge and a top speed of 12 mph.

The makers say the riding technique can be mastered in half an hour. At £1,189 a pop for the Solowheel, I reckon it has got some way to go before they become a familiar sight. And you can't customise it like a scooter.

Solowheel also had some competition from motorised skates Spnkix, from California, which fit over your shoes and can propel you to speeds of six to ten mph. They are currently available in the US for around £400.

Sound

New York rapper and business mogul 50 Cent (AKA Curtis Jackson) is expanding his empire into high-end audio by launching his own range of headphones, which he personally introduced at the Gadget Show Live's media and trade day. He has teamed up with SMS Audio to take on his LA rival Dr Dre whose Beats branded phones are bestsellers.

50 Cent stressed his input testing the phones in development and answered some technical questions from the audience, lest we think he was just putting his name to the product.

He explained that after putting effort in at the studio to perfect his music, he wanted fans to experience the best possible sound reproduction.

Also a campaigner against world hunger, 50 Cent said he would be

encouraging distributors of his phones to contribute to his charitable ventures via his brand of "conscious capitalism". The rap star added: "I grew up without money but I didn't grow up hungry."

His range of three professionally tuned high-end pairs of cans includes the £99 Street by 50 earbuds, £199 Street by 50 over-ear headphones to £299 top-of-the-range wireless Sync by 50 which can sync up to four users from one source. Both of the over-ear sets of phones have a 40mm driver.

When someone suggested these were pricey, 50 Cent said people "equate expense with quality." Though an SMS Audio spokesperson was quick to add that a lower priced addition to the range was on the way.

Other highlights of the show included:

BubblePix Bubblescope: a clip-on accessory for your smartphone, which captures 360 degree video and stills from your phone camera.

The price of £65 includes the Bubblescope, a case to line up phone camera and scope, and software to convert the images.

It will be available for Apple iPhone 4 and 4S this summer and later for other smartphones.

Dube: former Manchester United, Coventry and Villa footballer Dion Dublin has developed a new musical instrument, a kind of cube drum (basically a microphone in a box) which makes different percussive sounds depending on which side is hit.

Dion has already played the Dube alongside Ocean Colour Scene and it was used by jazz musician Courtney Pine on his album Europa.

The Dube starts at around £150 going up to around £400 depending on size.

NeuroSky: Brainwave sensors enable people to control computers and other devices with their mind. This most magical of technologies - simulated telekinesis! - is in its infancy and the stand demonstrated rather trivial

uses, including the Mindflex ball levitating game developed with Mattel and Nange Magro's extraordinary and rather kinky looking Mechapolypse mind-controlled dress.

However, the potential future applications of reliable, accurate mind control are revolutionary, perhaps beginning with the disabled but then transforming life as we know it.

Apple iPad: tablets remain the most desirable piece of kit and the top tablet is the latest Apple iPad but it does face competition, not only from Android tablets but from the latest wave of ultrabooks (thin and lightweight laptops).

Powerful

These include Acer's super thin and super powerful Aspire S3, also a competitor for Apple's MacBook Air.

Orbitsound T12v3 Soundbar: not a snappy name but an award-winning audio experience, this £300 soundbar sits in front of a flatscreen TV to deliver a quality sound experience with a subwoofer than can be placed elsewhere in the room.

It's also got an iPod/iPhone dock and different colour panels for those who value a co-ordinated look.

Qb-Mito: a powerful little speaker box (24w) for wireless sounds from Bluetooth devices boasting 30 hours continuous play for £59.

Or check out its sister product the Qsb speakers powered by USB with 30w of room-filling sounds, £89.

Nanodots: tech that unleashes your creativity does not have to be expensive. These magnetic marbles come in regular and mega sizes, packs of 64 to 216, and can be stuck together to make all sorts of mini sculptures, jewellery, fasteners or game counters.

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American rap star 50 Cent launches his new headphones range at the Gadget Show Live 2012 in Birmingham



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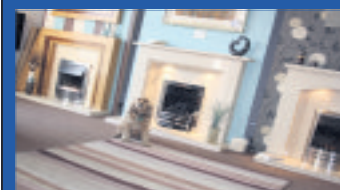


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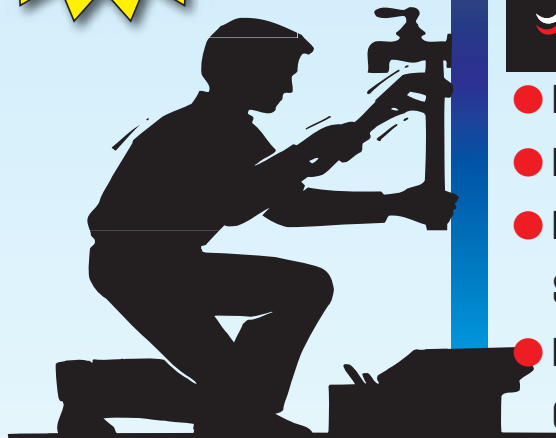
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CLUB NEWS

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Museum history is talk topic

MY TIME OVER FIFTIES

A LARGE group of members and visitors enjoyed a talk by Mr David Baker on the black country living Museum at the March meeting.

Mr Baker is one of the Friends of the Museum who helped create the attraction.

The idea of a living museum, to show the social history of the Black Country arose in 1970 and the first meeting was held that year.

A Trust was created and in 1975 the museum opened on the 26-acre site which had to be reclaimed from a former railway goods yard, which included lime kilns and more than 40 mine shafts.

Mr Baker went on to explain where the buildings that form the village came from and how, as the village has grown, a new street has been added. Those who had not visited the museum for some time were reminded of how much there is to see and experience there.

MyTime Over Fifties are planning a Bluebell walk, Sunday lunches and visits as part of the summer programme. New members and visitors are welcome.

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Ambleside room, Stourbridge Town Hall.

The next meeting is on April 25, when Mr Ken Gilkes will be telling of the flight of King Charles II.

President gives out cheques to charities



Pat Roberts, of Midland Air Ambulance, Eileen Cryer, President SI Cannock & District, Hayley Cliff, of Pathway and Janette Arrowsmith, Cannock Friends of St Giles

AT HER last meeting as President, Eileen Cryer took the opportunity to present cheques to three local charities benefiting from the club's fundraising during the year.

She invited Hayley Cliff from Pathway, Pat Roberts from Midland Air Ambulance and Janette Arrowsmith, chairman of Cannock Friends of St Giles to join for a meal and to receive cheques.

Eileen presented a cheque for £1,300 to Pathway and Hayley, deputy director, thanked the club for its continued support.

CANNOCK SOROPTIMISTS

Eileen's chosen charities for the year, Midlands Air Ambulance and St Giles Hospice, each received a cheque for £1,000. Pat Roberts told the club that the money was hugely appreciated, while Janette Arrowsmith told Eileen and members that the amount of £1,000 was far beyond her expectations.

Garden tips for members

BREWOOD WI

SPEAKER Derek Higgott's talk was entitled "All Things Bright and Beautiful".

Derek's plot is famously known as The Secret Garden in Staffordshire. He began the evening by showing slides of his beautiful garden in all its glory during every season. He also

showed slides of Shugborough where he is one of two gardeners who keep the grounds immaculate.

Recently the BBC rang Derek to ask if one of the presenters of Gardener's World could visit. Carol

Klein later came to look over his garden and this was included on one episode.

Derek has also been invited by Radio 4's Gardeners' Question Time to answer any problems people may have. He finished off by answering several questions for members.

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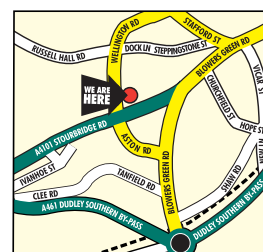
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There have been plenty of deluded wannabes this year, and some genuinely talented acts. Ok, Mr Zip's rap Where Me Keys? Where Me Phone? is catchy, but, occasionally there are acts who take your breath away. Few could forget teenager Ashleigh and her lovable dog Pudsey, while Irish singer Ryan's song No Name was TV gold. Who will go through this week? Well that remains to be seen, but you can bet that David Williams will be winding Simon Cowell up a treat, while Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon add lashings of glamour to the proceedings. As ever, Ant and Dec host.

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** British Olympic Dreams. **1.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Coverage of the first round at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.

6.40 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

7.00 The Voice UK. Holly Willoughby and Reggie Yates host the first of two shows this weekend in which the coaches whittle down their acts by pitting them against each other in battle performances.

8.30 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton hosts the quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big prize. Presented by OJ Borg.

9.20 Casualty. The pressure of the looming GMC hearing begins to take its toll on Sam, while Scarlett refuses to talk to Lloyd about their burgeoning relationship, and Lenny tries to kiss Linda.

10.10 BBC News: Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Arsenal v Chelsea; National Lottery Update.

11.50 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

1.10 Weatherview. **1.15** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.05** Escape to the Country. **12.35** Film: Advise & Consent. (1962) Political drama, starring Henry Fonda. **2.50** Film: The Cheyenne Social Club. (1970) Comedy Western, starring James Stewart. **4.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Further coverage of the first round from Sheffield. **5.30** Flog It!

6.30 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. Frank is introduced to the idea of fatherhood. (R)

7.00 The Good Life. Tom hurts his back. (R)

7.30 Dad's Army. Jones finds himself cast adrift. (R)

8.00 TV 1973 - The Defining Shows. Mark Lawson examines the rise of television in 1973 and considers five of the most popular programmes of the year, including The Generation Game, That's Life! and The Onedin Line. (R)

9.00 I Love 1971. A nostalgic look back at 1970s kitsch culture, focusing on 1971, the year of the Space Hopper, the Banana Splits and Middle of the Road's Chirpy, Chirpy, Cheep, Cheep. (R)

9.55 FILM: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. (1975) A convict gets sent to a psychiatric hospital, where he encourages the patients to rebel against the tyrannical head nurse. Drama, starring Jack Nicholson and Louise Fletcher.

12.05 Snooker: The World Championship. **12.55** Snooker Extra. **2.55** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.20** ITV News: Weather. **1.25** Film: Free Willy. (1993) Family drama, starring Jason James Richter. **3.35** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **3.50** Film: The Mirror Crack'd. (1980) Miss Marple mystery, starring Angela Lansbury. **5.50** Regional News: Weather.

6.00 ITV News: Weather.

6.15 Keith Lemon's LemonAid. With Emma Bunton and Tinchy Stryder.

7.00 All New You've Been Framed! A comical barbecue scene.

7.30 The Cube. A flight attendant and a sports fan take part. Phillip Schofield hosts.

8.30 Britain's Got Talent. Simon Cowell, David Williams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon search for the nation's most impressive performers, sending through only the very best, while buzzing off the rest.

9.45 Benidorm. Festive episode from Boxing Day 2010, guest starring Su Pollard, Louie Spence and Brian Murphy. (R)

10.45 ITV News: Weather. **11.00** FILM: The Last Boy Scout. (1991) Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis.

12.55 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.45** ITV News: News. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** The Grid. **7.25** British GT. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** The TV Book Club. **9.25** T4: Koko Pop. **10.00** T4: Made in Chelsea. **11.05** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.40** T4: The Big Bang Theory: Access All Areas. **12.15** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.50** Deal or No Deal. **1.50** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.30** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.00 Channel 4 News.

6.15 4thought.tv. Chris Beverland reflects on the use of the Bible as a moral guide.

6.20 FILM: The Italian Job. (1969) A crook puts together a plan to steal £4million in gold and make a quick getaway from central Turin in a fleet of Minis. Crime comedy, starring Michael Caine.

8.10 Elizabeth Taylor: Auction of a Lifetime. An exploration of the actress's life through some of her most treasured possessions as they are sold at auction in London and New York. (R)

9.45 The Million Pound Drop Live. Actor Chris O'Dowd and his TV presenter fiancée Dawn Porter compete. Last in the series.

11.20 FILM: Top Gun. (1986) Adventure, with Tom Cruise.

1.25 Film: Flight of the Phoenix. (2004) Adventure, starring Dennis Quaid. **3.15** Night Walking. (R) **3.20** Franklin & Bash. **4.00** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.50** Privileged. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Inside Hollywood. **10.10** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **11.10** Rory McGrath's Pub Dig. (R) **12.10** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) **1.10** Film: Trapeze. (1956) Circus drama, starring Burt Lancaster. **3.15** Film: The Vikings. (1958) Historical adventure, starring Kirk Douglas and Tony Curtis. **5.30** Film: Beetlejuice. (1988) Tim Burton's supernatural comedy, starring Michael Keaton.

7.15 5 News Weekend.

7.20 NCIS. Ducky makes a discovery during an autopsy on a woman who was beaten to death that prompts the agents to search for a missing infant. (R)

8.10 NCIS. The team investigates the murder of a marine during a cruise and discovers the victim had turned his back on a life of privilege to join the military. (R)

9.10 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The team investigates the murder of a motorcycle gang member in a biker bar - but the case is complicated by the discovery that the victim was actually an undercover policeman.

10.10 CSI: NY. The team investigates two deaths linked by unusual chewing gum.

11.05 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A woman claims to be a family's missing daughter.

12.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** Great Artists. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Hana's Helpline. (R)

ITV2
3.55 All Star Family Fortunes **4.40** New You've Been Framed Top 100 Kids! **5.40** Film: Jurassic Park III (2001) **7.25** The Zoo **8.25** Super Tiny Animals **9.30** The Planet's Funniest Animals **9.45** Britain's Got More Talent **10.45** Celebrity Juice **11.30** Keith Lemon's LemonAid

ITV3
2.50 Hornblower **4.55** A Touch of Frost **7.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foy's War **11.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Chennai Super Kings v Rajasthan Royals and Delhi DareDevils v Pune Warriors. **8.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **9.00** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **10.30** Film: Kull the Conqueror (1997)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who **7.45** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **9.45** Film: Kidulthood (2005) **11.15** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 South Pacific **8.00** City Beneath the Waves: Pavlopetri **9.00** The Bridge **11.00** Parkinson: The Interviews - David Niven **11.40** Top of the Pops: 1977

E4
2.05 Hollyoaks **4.35** Made in Chelsea **5.40** The Big Bang Theory **7.35** Rules of Engagement **8.30** Happy Endings **9.00** Film: Transporter 2 (2005) **10.45** The Big Bang Theory **11.40** The Cleveland Show

FILM4
3.00 A Matter of Life and Death (1946) **5.05** Ponyo (2008) **7.10** Crocodile Dundee (1986) . Comedy adventure, written by and starring Paul Hogan, with Linda Kozlowski, John Meillon and Mark Blum. **9.00** Das Boot: The Director's Cut (1981). Extended cut of the Second World War drama, with Jürgen Prochnow and Herbert Grönemeyer.

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ONCE UPON A TIME

Channel 5, 9pm

Since *Lost* finished, fans have been waiting for its successor, but all have come up short. *Once Upon a Time* has potential though, giving popular fairytales a modern twist, as well-known characters find themselves living in a New England town called Storybrooke due to the Dark Curse hanging over them all. This week, in fairytale land, Rumpelstiltskin (Robert Carlyle) persuades Cinderella (Jessy Schram) to sign a contract that she later realises means she has signed away the rights to her firstborn child. Meanwhile, in Storybrooke, Emma Swan (Jennifer Morrison) helps a young woman called Ashley with an uncanny likeness to Cinderella.

6.00 Breakfast. **8.30** Athletics: The London Marathon. Live coverage of the 32nd staging of the annual event. **2.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **3.05** Human Planet. (R) **4.05** Lifeline. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix Highlights.

6.20 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

6.45 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison visits the village of Botley, Hampshire. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.30 The Voice UK. Holly Willoughby and Reggie Yates host as the battle rounds come to an end, the original 40 acts are whittled down to 20 and the line-up for next week's first live show is decided.

9.00 Silent Witness. Part one of two. There is little sympathy when a killer dies in his cell, but Leo's encounter with a dying ex-prison inspector compels him to investigate the notorious Redhill jail.

10.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. With guest host Jo Brand.

11.10 Room 101 - Extra Storage. Extended version of the comedy panel show.

11.50 FILM: The Love Letter. (1999) Comedy drama based on the novel by Cathleen Schine, starring Kate Capshaw.

1.15 Weather. **1.20** Sign Zone: Empire. (R) **2.20** Holby City. (R) **3.20** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.05** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** BBC. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** Natural World - The Chimpanzee Project. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Regional Programmes. **1.00** Escape to the Country. **2.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The latest first-round matches at the Crucible Theatre. **5.00** London Marathon 2012 Highlights.

6.00 The Hairy Bikers' Bakeathon. Si King and Dave Myers go baking in Italy. (R)

7.00 Frank Wild: Antarctica's Forgotten Hero. A profile of polar explorer Ernest Shackleton's second-in-command.

8.00 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. New series. The broadcaster travels around the coast of the Indian Ocean.

9.00 Ewan McGregor: Cold Chain Mission. Part one of two. Ewan McGregor uses a network of freezers, called cold chains, to preserve vaccines as he delivers them to the world's most remote regions.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Manchester United v Everton.

11.10 Twenty Twelve. The team organises a sexual health campaign. Last in the series. (R) **11.40** Grandma's House. Six months after Grandpa's death, Simon's prospects look bleak. (R)

12.10 Snooker: The World Championship. **1.00** Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix Highlights. (R) **2.20** Snooker Extra.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.25** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **1.50** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **2.10** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **2.35** Film: Columbo: Ashes to Ashes. (1998) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGowan. **4.30** The Betty Driver Story. (R) **5.30** You've Been Framed! (R)

6.00 Harry Hill's Best of TV Burp. (R) **6.30** Regional News; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather. **7.00** All Star Family Fortunes. Emmerdale star Dominic Brunt (Paddy Kirk) and TV presenter Jenny Frost team up with their relatives in a bid to win a large cash prize for charity.

8.00 Vera. New series. Return of the crime drama, starring Brenda Blethyn. The detective investigates a petrol-bomb attack on an ex-colleague and his daughter.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 Perspectives: David Walliams: The Genius of Dahl. The Britain's Got Talent judge profiles children's author Roald Dahl.

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Including highlights of Harlequins v Leicester Tigers.

12.05 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.35** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25** Film: Jungle 2 Jungle. (1997) Comedy, starring Tim Allen. **4.25** Film: Coraline. (2009) Premiere. Stop-motion animated fantasy, with the voice of Dakota Fanning.

6.25 Celebrity Deal or No Deal. Oily Murs takes part.

7.20 Channel 4 News. **7.50** 4thought.tv. **7.55** Secrets of the Saxon Gold: A Time Team Special. An investigation of the Anglo-Saxon treasure hoard discovered in Staffordshire in 2009, and what analysis of the artefacts has revealed about Britain's Dark Ages.

9.00 Homeland. Brody is officially approached about running for office, while Carrie and Saul identify Walker's contact. Drama, starring Damian Lewis and Claire Danes.

10.00 FILM: East Is East. (1999) Comedy drama, starring Om Puri.

11.55 FILM: Dabangg. (2010) Premiere. Musical crime drama, starring Salman Khan.

2.10 Facejacker. (R) **2.35** Hit the Road Jack. (R) **3.20** Holyoaks. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Mio Mao. (R) **7.40** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.20** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.35** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **10.00** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **10.10** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.05** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. (R) **12.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.05** Cowboy Traders. (R) **2.05** Film: Corrina, Corrina. (1994) Family drama set in the 1950s, starring Whoopi Goldberg. **4.20** Film: The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep. (2007) Premiere. Children's fantasy adventure, starring Alex Etel.

6.25 5 News Weekend. **6.30** FILM: The Magnificent Seven. (1960) Western, starring Yul Brynner.

9.00 Once Upon a Time. Cinderella regrets making a deal with Rumpelstiltskin.

10.00 FILM: A Perfect Murder. (1998) Thriller remake, starring Michael Douglas.

12.10 10 Things I Hate About. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. **4.00** UEFA Europa League Highlights. **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. **5.45** Hana's Helpline. (R)

ITV2
4.55 Britain's Got Talent. **5.50** Britain's Got More Talent. **6.50** Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) **9.00** Benidorm. **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex. **10.45** Oily: Life on Murs. **11.45** Film: Bridget Jones's Diary (2001)

ITV3
3.55 Agatha Christie's Marple. **6.00** Film: Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (1971) **8.00** The Nation's Favourite Abba Song. **9.30** Another Audience with Freddie Starr. **10.30** Cracker. **11.35** Agatha Christie's Marple

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Mumbai Indians v Kings XI Punjab and Deccan Chargers v Kolkata Knight Riders. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union. **9.00** Film: Fire Down Below (1997) **11.10** Film: Day of the Dead (2008)

BBC THREE
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2011: Not in 3D. **7.15** Film: Father of the Bride Part II (1995) **9.00** Don't Tell the Bride USA. **9.50** Don't Tell the Bride: Greatest Moments. **10.00** Family Guy. **11.05** American Dad! **11.50** Russell Howard's Good News

BBC FOUR
7.00 Frank Skinner on George Formby. **8.00** Skippy: Australia's First Superstar. **9.00** Film: Rabbit-Proof Fence (2002) **10.25** Mark Lawson Talks to Felicity Kendal. **11.25** Kathleen Ferrier: An Ordinary Diva

E4
3.05 Ugly Betty. **4.00** Glee. **5.00** 90210. **5.55** The Big Bang Theory. **6.55** Film: Edward Scissorhands (1990) **9.00** Desperate Housewives. **11.00** Made in Chelsea

FILM4
3.10 The Belles of St Trinian's (1954) **5.00** Planet of the Apes (1968) **7.15** Post Grad (2009) **9.00** 10 Things I Hate About You (1999). Comedy, with Heath Ledger. **10.55** Crossing Over (2008). Drama, starring Harrison Ford.

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Tuesday

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 T. Wright Show. 11.00 LIVE T. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 The Restaurant Inspector. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. (R) CSI: NY 3.10 Film: Mystery Men. The Shogun. (R) 6.00 5 News. 6.30 5 Neighbours (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 Rory Bremner. 8.30 5 News. 9.00 CSI: NY. Scene Investigation. 10.00 CSI: NY. (R) 10.55 CSI: Miami. (R) 11.50 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 12.50 Inside Hollywood. 1.00 SuperCasino. 1.30 5 News. 2.00 CSI: NY. (R) 2.30 Wild Challenge. (R) 5.05 Great Artists. (R)

Wednesday

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake 9.15 The Weight of Stuff 11.10 LIVE! with, 12.10 5 News Lunchtime, 12.15 The Restaurant Inspector, (R) 1.15 Home and Away, 1.45 Neighbours, 2.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, (R) 3.15 Film: Love Scenes, (2011) Premiere, Drama prequel, starring Wes Brown, 6.00 5 News, 6.30 5 News, 6.30 Home and Away, (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30, 7.00 The Gadget Show: World Tour, (R) 9 News Update, 8.00 Cowboy Traders; 9 News at 9, 9.00 NCIS, 10.00 Law & Order: Criminal Intent, 11.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, (R) 11.55 The Thick, 12.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, Rough Guide to Eco Escapes, (R) 4.20 Michaela's Wild Challenge, (R) 5.10 Great Artists, (R)

Thursday

Channel 4 6.05 *The Treacle People* (R) 6.15 *The Hoobs*. (R) 6.40 *The Hoobs*. (R) 7.05 *Freshly Squeezed*. 7.35 *According to Jim*. (R) 8.00 *Everybody Loves Raymond*. (R) 8.30 *Frasier*. (R) 9.00 *The Secret Life of the Man on the Street*. (R) 9.30 *Location, Location, Location*. (R) 11.00 *Secret Location*. (R) 12.00 *Channel 4 News Summary*. 12.05 *River Cottage*. Veg Heroes. 12.35 *Glamour Puss*. 1.05 *Film*: *Pony Express*. (R) 1.35 *Western*, starring *Marlon Brando*, *Hester* and *Forrest Tucker*. 5.00 *Channel 4 Presents - Nathan Sapher: "The Sharp End"*. (R) 3.10 *Countdown*. 4.00 *Deal or No Deal*. 5.00 *Come Dine with Me*. (R) 6.00 *The Simpsons*. (R) 6.30 *Cartoon Network*. 7.00 *Cartoon Network*. 7.40 *4thouttv.tv*. 8.00 *Get Your House in Order*. 9.00 *The Plot to Bring Down Britain's Planes*. A 2006 plot to detonate bombs on several US airliners departing from Heathrow. 10.00 *Extreme*. 10.30 *Cartoon Network*. Act 1: *Extreme Bodies*. (R) 12.40 *Hidden Talent*. (R) 1.35 9/11: *The Lost Tapes*. (R) 2.30 *Unreported World*. (R) 3.00 *Double Lesson*. (R) 3.25 *The Secret Life of Mr. Frond*. (R) 4.20 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 4.50 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 5.20 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 5.50 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 6.20 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 6.50 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 7.20 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 7.50 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 8.20 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 8.50 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 9.20 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 9.50 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 10.20 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 10.50 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 11.20 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 11.50 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 12.20 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 12.50 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 1.00 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 1.30 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 2.00 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 2.30 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 3.00 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 3.30 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 4.00 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 4.30 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 5.00 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 5.30 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 6.00 *Cartoon Network*. (R) 6.30 *Cartoon Network*. 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Friday

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(R) 1.00 *Channel 4 Racing.* Live coverage from 1.00 to 2.00. 2.00 *Channel 4 News.* 2.30 *Deal or No Deal.* 3.00 *Come Dine with Me.* (R) 6.00 *The Simpsons.* (R) 6.30 *Hollyoaks.* 7.00 *Channel 4 News.* 7.30 *Unreported World.* 7.55 *Caughtv.t.* 8.00 *Come Dine with Me.* 9.00 *8 Out of 10 Cats.* 9.30 *Ve.* 10.00 *Channel 4 News.* 10.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 2.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 2.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 3.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 3.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 4.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 4.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 5.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 5.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 6.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 6.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 7.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 7.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 8.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 8.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 9.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 9.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 10.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 10.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 2.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 2.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 3.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 3.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 4.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 4.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 5.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 5.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 6.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 6.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 7.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 7.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 8.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 8.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 9.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 9.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 10.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 10.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 2.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 2.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 3.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 3.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 4.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 4.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 5.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 5.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 6.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 6.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 7.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 7.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 8.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 8.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 9.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 9.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 10.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 10.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 2.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 2.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 3.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 3.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 4.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 4.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 5.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 5.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 6.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 6.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 7.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 7.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 8.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 8.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 9.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 9.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 10.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 10.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 2.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 2.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 3.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 3.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 4.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 4.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 5.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 5.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 6.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 6.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 7.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 7.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 8.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 8.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 9.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 9.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 10.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 10.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 2.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 2.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 3.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 3.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 4.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 4.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 5.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 5.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 6.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 6.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 7.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 7.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 8.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 8.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 9.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 9.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 10.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 10.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 2.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 2.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 3.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 3.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 4.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 4.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 5.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 5.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 6.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 6.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 7.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 7.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 8.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 8.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 9.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 9.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 10.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 10.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 2.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 2.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 3.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 3.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 4.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 4.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 5.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 5.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 6.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 6.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 7.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 7.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 8.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 8.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 9.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 9.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 10.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 10.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 2.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 2.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 3.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 3.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 4.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 4.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 5.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 5.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 6.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 6.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 7.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 7.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 8.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 8.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 9.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 9.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 10.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 10.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 11.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 12.30 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.00 *Cartoon.* (R) 1.30 *Cartoon.* (R

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This lovely and well kept unfurnished second floor flat comprises of: Two Bedrooms, Electric Storage Heating, Living Room, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom with Shower, Allocated Parking Space

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ROWLEY REGIS, POWKE LANE

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Nice feature – the dining room includes an exposed brick chimney breast



The through living room is 21ft 8in by 11ft with French doors to the rear

Extended property which comes with own stable block



This extended home in Lower Gornal has extensive gardens to the rear and stable block

A SIGNIFICANTLY extended four bedroom detached house in Cinder Road, Lower Gornal, is on the market priced at around £269,950.

With an 86ft frontage, the property has extensive gardens with separate gravelled in and out vehicular access as well as a stable block within the grounds.

On the ground floor the dining room, 12ft 4in by 11ft 6in, has a feature exposed brick chimney breast with timber overmantel and beam, shelves and gas fire, while the kitchen – 15ft

8in by 6ft 4in – has wall and base units, roll edge work surfaces, single drainer one and a half sink with mixer top and plumbing for a dishwasher.

Garden

The through living room is 21ft 8in by 11ft with French doors to the rear garden and an Adam style marble inset and hearth with living flame gas fire and door to the study measuring 11ft 1in by 8ft 3in.

There is also a utility room with plumbing for a washing machine and work surface.

On the first floor are four bedrooms,

one with an en-suite of white suite comprising hand basin and WC and shower cubicle, and a bathroom with bath, shower fitment, hand basin and WC. Outside the rear gardens are mainly laid to lawn on two levels with well stocked mature borders planted with a wide range of established shrubs/plants including conifers and soft fruits, and there is a paved terrace and paved and gravelled patio area.

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A three bedroom semi detached property comprising lounge/diner, kitchen and bathroom. Driveway and rear garden.

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£170,000

A semi detached property comprising lounge/diner, conservatory, kitchen, three bedrooms, shower room. No upward chain.

Green Lane, Halesowen



A two bedroom terrace

property comprising dining

room, lounge, kitchen and

bathroom. No upward chain.

£110,000

Wesson Gardens, Halesowen



£84,950 **NEW INSTRUCTION**

A three bedroom mid terrace property comprising kitchen, lounge and bathroom. No upward chain

Beeches Road, Rowley Regis



£85,000

A three bedroom mid terrace property comprising two reception rooms, kitchen and bathroom.

Stourbridge Road, Halesowen



£90,000

A mid terrace property comprising lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom.

Highfield Road, Halesowen



£110,000

A three bedroom semi detached property comprising lounge, kitchen, shower room, front and rear garden. No upward chain.

Crendon Road, Rowley Regis



£150,000

A three bedroom semi detached property comprising lounge, conservatory, kitchen, dining room, utility and bathroom.

Cherry Orchard Crescent, Halesowen



Offers Over £185,000

A three bedroom semi detached property comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility and bathroom.

Meres Road, Halesowen



A three bedroom semi detached property comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, garage and bathroom.

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Firth Park Crescent, Halesowen



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A three bedroom detached property comprising lounge/diner, breakfast kitchen and bathroom. No upward chain

Arkle Croft, Rowley Regis



£200,000

A detached family home comprising lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, four bedrooms, en-suite and bathroom.

Yew Tree Lane, Rowley Regis



£210,000

A four bedroom detached property comprising dining room, lounge, wc, breakfast kitchen, utility, bathroom and en-suite. No upward chain.

Highfield Lane, Halesowen



A three bedroom semi detached property comprising kitchen, lounge and bathroom. No upward chain.

£140,000

Howley Grange Road, Halesowen



Offers Over £225,000

A three bedroom semi detached property comprising lounge, conservatory, dining room, kitchen, utility and bathroom. No upward chain.

Fieldfare Close, Cradley Heath



£230,000

A four bedroom detached property comprising lounge/dining room, conservatory, kitchen, utility, en-suite and bathroom. No upward chain.

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Such advanced fuel economy avoids UK road tax contributions, yet the refinement and personality of the Fiesta is retained.

Ford Fiesta's value story continues with five engines in the Fiesta line-up emitting less than 130g/km of CO2 making them exempt from vehicle excise duty in their first year.

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All eyes on Ibiza revamp

By **Graham Breeze**

IT SEEMS to me that there's a growing fan base out there for SEAT, judging by the reaction to my test drive of the Ibiza five-door Sportrider.

The 1.6 TDi CR may only be an upgrade from the three-door equivalent but in Dakota red it seemed to attract attention everywhere I went on a week-long test drive.

Complete strangers were asking questions I often couldn't answer about top speed, fuel consumption, price and CO2 emissions which is unusual.

It has to be the 'arrow' style body shaping from the Spanish brand that attracted so many. Low headlight and grille positioning give the sporty look with side modifications adding another nice touch.

This Ibiza really gives SEAT a lift in the ultra-competitive supermini sector. Produced exclusively at a state-of-the-art factory in Barcelona, the company claims this model to be a match for anything in class – and at a good price too.

I remember my first drive in a SEAT and the impression that this was just a cheaper Volkswagen. Well, how that has changed with a marked improvement in build quality and high levels of comfort and sporting attitude.

Inside there's an improved feel of quality matched to comfort. An attractive dash area has all the paraphernalia you expect from a much more expensive option including Bluetooth connectivity and a navigation system if you want to pay extra.

Leather

There are sports seats which can prove a little too hard for some on long journeys and a host of standard items such as 17-inch alloys, sports suspension, rear-parking sensors, tinted rear windows, climate control which includes a refrigerated glovebox and a leather wheel and gear stick.

But the Sportrider comes with much more. The things you would expect to have to dip into the back pocket for such as automatic lights and rain sensor wipers, dimming rear view mirror, body-coloured door handles and steering wheel-mounted radio controls all come as part of the package.

The five-door model has a longer wheelbase and wider track which of course means more room inside with an eight per cent boost in boot space – just enough for the golf clubs.

This is no flier but it does 0-62mph in 10.5 seconds and has a top speed of 117mph and outstanding CO2 emissions of 112g/km.

But what makes me think that SEAT are right on the button with the Sportrider is the fuel consumption figures. Not many cars in this sector boast combined fuel consumption figures of 65.7mpg.

Competition in the sector is as tough as it gets with Mini, Renault Clio, Corsa, Fiesta and Yaris in the field. But Sportrider is up there with them and its little wonder that the Ibiza remains the SEAT brand's best selling car.



Arrow-shaped body styling and bright red duco make this car an eye-catcher



Inside the Sportrider a host of extras come as part of the standard package

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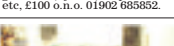
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Tipton are made to rue poor finishing

Heath Hayes 2 Tipton Town 0
POOR finishing contributed to Tipton Town's defeat.

Dave Waple's brace keeps him in the lead for the Golden Boot as the Midland Alliance's leading scorer. Both sides opened brightly but it was Hayes who took the lead with an inspired goal from Waple on 14 minutes. After a smart exchange of passes with Ben Porter he advanced into the box and shrugged off three challenges before firing into the corner of the net.

Hayes enjoyed a slice of good fortune to double the lead five minutes later. Tipton skipper Dave Bate was harshly adjudged to have fouled Porter in the box and Waple sent keeper Neal Page the wrong way from the spot.

Chris Geldart, back after missing five games with injury, had a chance to make it three but his lob from a tight angle went wide.

Town came more into the game early in the second half but their finishing did not match up to some impressive approach play.

Hayes keeper Scott Mullett, another player returning from injury, never had a serious save to make.

Bailey is at the double to sting Bs

Bustleholme 0 Cradley Town 2
BUSTLEHOLME were encouraged by their midweek draw with AFC Wulfrunians, but slipped to another defeat.

The visitors took the lead on the half-hour when Matthew Bailey's 25-yarder gave Matt Martin no chance.

The Bs almost equalised just before half-time when Darrell Francis beat the offside trap only to see his lob fall just wide.

Minutes later, full-back William Hutt charged down a clearance but his shot from a tight angle was turned around the post by Cradley keeper Matt Jones.

On the hour mark Cradley scored again when Sean Williams' corner found the unmarked Bailey who headed his second.

Adam Morton headed against the Cradley bar late on, but Bustleholme remain in the West Midlands Premier bottom three and take on second-from-bottom Bromyard on Saturday.



Halas Hawks under-10s celebrate their League Cup final success

Double joy for Hawks

HALAS HAWKS are celebrating after a League Cup double.

Boys and girls teams at under-10 level each won their respective League Cup finals.

Halas Hawks U10 East Boys 1 Trysull Tigers U10 0
Halas earned a narrow victory at the Dell Sports Stadium thanks to a tremendous team effort.

The first half saw Trysull have most of the possession with Halas restricted to a few breakaway chances. But the second half saw a change in fortune with Halas taking the game to Trysull. With both goalkeepers making crucial saves, it was Oliver Miller who broke the deadlock midway through the second half.

Halas had to endure a nervous last 10 minutes

but solid defending saw them claim their first league cup.

Halas Hawks Girls U10 1 Kewford Eagles Girls U10 0

The Halas Hawks girls won through after a hard-fought final against Kewford Eagles.

The girls played some good football in the first half and their player of the match, Maddison Eden, had a fine shot saved by the impressive Kewford keeper in a goalless first half.

Halas looked full of confidence in the second half and had the lion's share of the possession.

But goalkeeper Lydia Bevan was still called on to keep the scores level. With eight minutes to go, Hannah Fellows hit a left-footer into the bottom corner to break the deadlock. With both goalkeepers on top form, there was no further score.

Dorrans blasts back to his Baggies best

Albion 1 QPR 0

ALBION'S Premier League survival mission has been concluded triumphantly.

But try telling Graham Dorrans there is nothing left to play for, *writes Steve Madley.*

The Scotsman's stunning strike electrified The Hawthorns as the Baggies burst through the 40-point barrier for the second successive Premier League season.

And Dorrans will hope his best performance under Roy Hodgson will finally jumpstart a career that has spluttered since he helped drive the club back to the top flight.

With survival all-but ensured several weeks ago Hodgson, his staff and Albion's fans were hoping for 'added value' from the final games of the campaign.

There were plenty of extra reasons to smile as QPR were sent packing with no points on Saturday. And Dorrans' impressive display was the most pleasing of all.

Genuine

Ever since the unheralded Scot took the Championship by storm under Roberto Di Matteo and played the most significant individual role in bringing Premier League football back to The Hawthorns, fans and team-mates have waited for him to stamp his mark on the top division.

A series of injuries, off-field problems and the emergence of new Baggies stars raised uncertainty over whether Dorrans could replicate his former glories at the top table of English football.

The 24-year-old has a way to go to silence the doubters completely. But two years to the week since his free-kick at Doncaster helped seal promotion for Di Matteo's team, Dorrans' starring role against Rangers offered the clearest indication yet that Albion fans should not give up hope of the talented playmaker becoming a genuine Premier League force.

The right-foot rocket that settled a tight



Albion's Graham Dorrans lashes in a stunning winner from distance to defeat relegation-threatened QPR at The Hawthorns

game midway through the first half was the undoubted highlight of his and Albion's day. But Dorrans' all-round contribution will have pleased Hodgson and his staff even more.

And with four games remaining in the campaign and injured star James Morrison unlikely to play any major role, Dorrans should have further chances to generate some momentum to carry him to brighter times next season.

He was handed a rare chance to showcase his skills in the heart of midfield against Mark Hughes' strugglers, and Dorrans responded with a combination of the bright passing and movement that thrilled fans in Di Matteo's side and the added defensive discipline that Hodgson has tried to inject throughout the squad. It wasn't quite

vintage Dorrans, but there were clear signs of the spark returning to reignite a talent that never disappeared.

If Dorrans made the day's most eye-catching contribution, two of last summer's low-key arrivals pushed him close.

Billy Jones gave his most complete display since stepping into the sizable boots of Steven Reid at right-back, defending intelligently against the dangerous Adel Taarabt, attacking with vigour and going within a whisker of his first Baggies goal. His performance, plus that of young defender Craig Dawson, will have pleased Hodgson almost as much as that of Dorrans.

With Marc-Antoine Fortune acting as an attacking fulcrum and Dorrans, Chris Brunt, Jerome Thomas and Peter Odemwingie rotating to good effect around

the Frenchman, the Baggies looked slick and incisive in the opening half-hour. Odemwingie went close on nine minutes before teeing up Dorrans 13 minutes later and watching the midfielder man rifle an unstoppable drive past Paddy Kenny.

Zamora looped a header just wide and was then thwarted smartly by Foster as the visitors built up pressure. That was a warning of the extra momentum from Rangers that would peg back Albion after the interval, yet the visitors rarely penetrated a Baggies rearguard that provided Foster with rock-solid protection.

And the best chances of the second period fell to the hosts, first when Jones rattled the woodwork after a fabulous team move and then when substitute Shane Long fired wide in stoppage time.

Tivdale Russell up four to beat Town

Willenhall Town 1 Tivdale 4

TIVDALE beat a spirited Willenhall Town team at Noose Lane, adding another four goals to take the Lockmen's leaky Midland Alliance goals against total to 134.

Tivdale opened brightly and took the initiative to press the home side back into their own half in the opening exchanges.

The hosts were struggling to make any headway against a solid-looking Tivdale defence and it took until the 20th minute for Tim Beech to make his first save of the day when he got down well to a low shot at his near post.

At the other end, Tivdale were repeatedly thwarted by the home rearguard until the 30th minute when striker Michael Woolman got away on the left and sent a superb cross into the path of the onrushing Chris Russell who drilled it home from point-blank range.

Tivdale increased their lead in the 57th minute through a great strike from Russell.

In the 69th minute, Jason Chilton got on the score-sheet when he hit the ball home from the edge of the penalty area.

Reece Leek reduced the arrears, rising highest to head a corner past the flying Beech in the 78th minute.

But Adam Hill concluded the scoring in the 89th minute.

Nerves are cooled to seal victory

Hasbury Rangers U14 Girls 5

Bustleholme U14 Girls 3
HASBURY won through to the League Cup final despite a nervous start.

They went ahead when Levi Cheadle's cross was tapped in by Meg Harrison.

Cheadle then found Leah George for the second before half-time.

Bustleholme got one back but George turned provider for Sian Berry, whose looping shot made it 3-1.

A Becky Hurley free-kick into the box was missed by everyone and found the net and Hurley got the fifth goal via the top corner.

Bustleholme came back with two good goals to produce a nervous last 10 minutes, but Hasbury held out.

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Late order resistance cannot save game

Shrewsbury 165-8, Old Hill 91. Shrewsbury won by 74 runs.
OLD HILL went out of the Williamson Trophy in the first round at Haden Hill.

The hosts won the toss on Saturday and put in last season's National Knockout Cup winners.

Opening bowlers Seb Soukup and overseas signing Matthius Treuberg both had difficulty with their footholds in damp conditions.

The visitors scored steadily but Carl Whyte took three wickets, backed by Soukup (2-34) and Nigel Davenport (2-33). Ed Foster made 28 in Shrewsbury's 40-over score of 165-8.

The hosts got off to a very slow start with captain Danny Cox and Mike Hingley back in the pavilion in the 11th over with just 10 runs on the board.

Worse was to follow as Old Hill were left reeling on 37-7 before Soukup (37) and some lower order resistance took them to 91 all out with one ball remaining.

Four-wicket haul sees Old Hill through

Longton 147, Old Hill 148-6. Old Hill won by four wickets.
FOUR wickets for Matthius Treuberg helped Old Hill to victory in this Staffordshire Cup tie.

Old Hill won the toss, inserted the opposition and reaped the benefits immediately as Treuberg grabbed two early wickets.

Longton dug in and put a further 59 runs onto the board before the return of Treuberg to take his next wicket with the score on 68.

He finished with 4-33, supported by Carl Whyte (2-17), Bilal Mohammed (2-26) and a wicket for Nigel Davenport in a score of 147-9 from the allotted 45 overs.

Old Hill lost their first wicket at 18 when Danny Cox was out for two.

Shezad Aslam fell for three with the score on 23 before Mike Hingley and Davenport steadied the ship.

Hingley was out lbw for 46 and Davenport was dismissed for 13. A score of 86-4 soon became 87-5 and the home side looked in control.

However, Old Hill rallied with Ian Walker and Arsalan Mahmood pushing the total up to 135-6 before losing Mahmood for 30.

Ian Walker's unbeaten 34 saw Old Hill through with Seb Soukup three not out.



Driver Nicolas Hamilton

Hamilton hots up

NICOLAS HAMILTON produced two of the best race performances of his brief motorsport career during the second event of the AirAsia Renault UK Clio Cup.

Hamilton rounded off the weekend at Donington Park with a best finish of 11th for Wednesbury team Total Control Racing.

Battling on the cusp of the top 10 in rounds three and four of the 2012 season, the 20-year-old dived with much more experienced racers in the thick of the midfield.

Qualifying within just 0.8 seconds of pole position for round three, lining up 14th on the grid, the second-year racer made a good start ran a strong opening lap to gain a place. By the start of lap six he was into the

top 12. Under mounting pressure Hamilton, brother of former F1 world champion Lewis Hamilton, maintained excellent composure and held on to 11th place at the flag by just 0.049 seconds.

Unfortunately, round four wasn't as fruitful.

After another strong midfield battle he was up into 11th place with less than three laps to go but a spin onto the infield at Craner Curves cost him a number of positions.

Hamilton tried to recover ground, but had a last-lap excursion under braking at Coppice and finished just outside the points-paying top 20.



Nicolas Hamilton heads a line of cars at Donington

Goal No.10 from Ben helps Yeltz to victory

Halesowen Town 2 Clevedon Town 1

BEN HASELEY's 10th goal since January helped Halesowen overcome Evo-Stik Division One South & West strugglers Clevedon.

The Seasideers took a 13th-minute lead after defender Peter Folkes failed to clear, allowing Chas Hemmings to roll the ball under goalkeeper Paul Evans.

Youngster Spencer Blackham, making his full Halesowen debut, hit weakly at Clevedon goalkeeper Jason Mellor in the 20th minute but the visitors had the better of a poor first half.

Just before the interval Evans saved further long range attempts from Ollie Clarke and Ashley Kington.

Haseley put the Yeltz back in the game, stroking home a 49th-minute penalty after being brought down by Chris Geeson.

Man-of-the-match Marcus Jackson won the game for the Yeltz in the 77th minute by rifling home a fierce low shot after Clevedon failed to clear a cross.

Prior to the game, a one minute silence was observed in remembrance of Yeltz stalwart Dave Parker, who died earlier in the week.

Charity game to draw in names

FORMER Midlands football stars will play in a charity game at the Pulse centre in Friar Park Road, Wednesbury on Sunday.

A Wednesbury Rangers and Pulse side will tackle the Midland All Stars at 2pm.

Former stars Bob Taylor, Richard Sneekes, Daryl Burgess, Ian Hamilton, Darren Wrack, Mark Kinsella and Lee Hendrie are lined up to play, with proceeds split between Shine and Macmillan Cancer.

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ROY SAYS LET'S FINISH ABOVE REGION RIVALS

ROY HODGSON says becoming the West Midlands' leading club is now Albion's "major goal" for the rest of the season.

The Baggies boss has challenged his team to make history by finishing as the top side in the region for the first time in 33 years. The club have not finished ahead of both Wolves and Villa since they claimed third place in the First Division in 1979.

But they are already certain to beat the Molineux club and boast a seven-point advantage over Villa, having played one game more.

"We've actually talked about this and it would be our next major goal," said Hodgson, whose side meet Villa at The Hawthorns on April 28.

"If we have a goal, that would definitely be the goal to break what is neither a record nor a hoodoo, but a fact of life.

"It's a long time to be below an important rival in the area.

To have 33 years where you've always seen a rival above you is a long time.

Opportunity
"Now is our time to try to break that.

"We have a great opportunity, of course, because we're also playing them."

Hodgson's side burst through the 40-point barrier with victory over QPR at The Hawthorns on Saturday, having already declared themselves safe from relegation.

But Hodgson insists his players still have motivation for the final four games of the season, starting with his return to former club Liverpool on Sunday.

"Our ambition is to keep things going and to do as well as we can over the next four games," said Hodgson.

"There is no question of

by Steve Madeley

"We've done it, now we're on holiday."

"Every Premier League game is worth a lot of money in terms of placing and in terms of prestige.

"And you want to give a good performance wherever you go, irrespective of your League position.

"We saw Wolves go to Sunderland, in a very difficult game.

"You could argue they hadn't got an awful lot to play for.

"But like ourselves and other clubs, they respect the league.

"You have to go out and do your best."

Meanwhile, James Hurst and Saido Berahino bagged the goals on Tuesday night.

The evening saw Albion lift the Birmingham Senior Cup for the first time in 21 years.

Their skill saw them overcome Solihull Moors by a scoreline of 2-0.

Captain Hurst fired the hosts ahead with an excellent strike five minutes after half-time.

Berahino made it 2-0 to Albion just minutes into stoppage time at The Hawthorns.

Caroline jumps for joy after netting gold



Caroline Tarnowski at practice

HALESOWEN netball star Caroline Tarnowski helped England under-17s to the European title with a clean sweep of victories.

The 16-year-old Windsor High School pupil took gold after England beat Scotland 69-25, Wales by 62-29 and Northern Ireland 70-10 in the three-day competition at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow.

"I was really happy when I got selected," she said.

"It was a great experience to play for my country. I received my first cap for playing for England which was a very proud moment. Winning the tournament and gaining the gold medal was amazing."

Tarnowski, who plays for the Dudley Leisure club and for the regional under-19 West Midlands Warriors, is due to move up an age group and successfully negotiated a trial for the England under-19 squad.

"I would love to work my way up to the England under-21 squad and the senior squad," she added.



Netball player Caroline Tarnowski outside Windsor High School

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